Portland State Institute on Aging

The Graduate Certificate in
GERONTOLOGY

SHAPE THE FUTURE OF AGING
Portland State University became a member of the Age-Friendly University Global Network in 2018. Portland State is dedicated to fostering diversity and inclusion to serve the best interests for its student body, which is older and more diverse compared to neighboring universities.

LEARN FROM

Renowned Researchers
Since 1969, the Institute on Aging (IOA) has been conducting cutting edge research, educating future gerontologists, and strengthening community connections. IOA faculty who are prominent leaders in the field of aging and gerontology prepare students for leadership and success through interdisciplinary learning and applied experience.

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Age-Friendly University
EDUCATION FOR A
Growing Sector

More people are living longer around the world than ever before. By 2030, 1 in 5 Americans will be age 65+. This presents a growing opportunity for innovations in aging.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

3 Core Courses
AGE 556 Health Aspects of Aging (4)
AGE 558 Perspectives on Aging (3)
SOC 569 Sociology and Aging (4) or
PSY 562 Psych of Adult Development & Aging (4)

2 Electives
Examples of aging-related elective courses:
AGE 562 Global Aging (3)
AGE 523 Business & Aging (4)
AGE 557 National Long-Term Care Policy (3)

Experiential Learning
Students gain hands on experience by completing an Internship or Independent Research Project
Complete a Bachelor's or Master's degree

Admission to Portland State

Program Eligibility:
- Complete a Bachelor's or Master's degree
- Admission to Portland State

Program Options:
1. Combine the certificate with a Master's or Doctoral program
2. Complete the certificate independent of a graduate degree

Graduate Programs:
- Social Work
- Urban Studies
- Health Admin
- Public Policy
- MURP
- Sociology
and more
Portland State gerontology alumni have led critical aging initiatives in Oregon and beyond. Careers in aging cross industry boundaries and many opportunities for entrepreneurship in this field are yet to be discovered.

Employers of Alumni:
- Oregon Health & Science University
- Concepts in Community Living, Inc
- Dept. of Health & Human Services
- LeadingAge
- "IOA gave me the unique opportunity to combine work on a large research study with challenging coursework and real life experience. The integration of all of those pieces has given me flexibility and skills that I can use almost anywhere."
  - Ann McQueen, Ph.D.

Alumni Careers:
- Nursing Home Administrator
- Assisted Living Activities Assistant
- Medical Social Worker
- Senior Vice President
- Care Manager
- Project Analyst
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