

The Graduate Certificate in

GERONTOLOGY



SHAPE THE FUTURE

OF AGING

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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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.



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

STUDY AGING in Different Ways

Portland State students bring diverse experiences and perspectives and take different academic paths.



Program Eligibility:

- Complete a Bachelors or Masters degree
- Admission to Portland State

Program Options:

- 1. Combine the certificate with a Masters or Doctoral program
- 2. Complete the certificate independent of a graduate degree

Graduate Programs:

- Social Work

- Health Admin

- MURP

and

- Urban Studies

- Public Policy

- Sociology

more





Careers in Aging

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

Alumni Careers:

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



"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.



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