



# UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Gerontology and Nutrition  
**Global and Community Health**  
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The **undergraduate certificate in gerontology** prepares students for work with older adults, as well as with professionals who are already working with the elderly. The program provides a background of basic knowledge in gerontology and prepares students in professional skill areas, such as counseling, recreation, social work, nursing, and administration.

The certificate program is administered by CHHS. Three other academic units participate in the program: the College of Education and Human Development, the Department of Psychology, and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. A Gerontology Certificate Committee determines program policy and curriculum.

### Certificate Requirements

Students receiving the certificate must already hold a baccalaureate degree or have earned one from Mason by the time they receive the certificate.

### Program of Study

The certificate program consists of **24 credits** as follows:

<b>Core Courses</b>	<b>12</b>
<i>Select four from the following:</i>	
GCH 480, NURS 505, NURS 570, PSYC 415, SOCI 441, SOCW 483	
<b>Gerontology Practicum</b>	<b>6</b>
GCH 498	
<i>Students must have completed at least 9 credits of core courses before the practicum.</i>	
<b>Electives</b>	<b>6</b>
<i>Select from the following:</i>	
GCH 332, HEAL 110, HEAL 323, HEAL 480, PHED 415, PHED 499, PRLS 210, PRLS 310, PSYC 211, PSYC 325, PSYC 326, PSYC 415, PSYC 423, PUAD 502, SOCI 350, SOCI 390, SOCI 599, SOCW 200, SOCW 351, SOCW 352, reading and research in gerontology from any department	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>

The **undergraduate certificate in nutrition** offers a variety of courses in nutrition for current and future health care professionals, researchers, and others who are commonly faced with community-related nutrition issues. The program is intended to help health care professionals and others who would like to increase their knowledge in nutrition. **This certificate is not equivalent to the registered dietitian license and does not provide a license to practice therapeutic nutrition.**

### Certificate Requirements

Students need not have a baccalaureate degree to receive the certificate. Applications are encouraged from all areas of nursing and health science.

### Program of Study

The certificate program consists of **24 credits** as follows:

<b>Required Courses</b>	<b>21</b>
GCH 295 Nutrition for Health Professionals	3
GCH 420 Strategies for Nutrition Education	3
GCH 421 Community Nutrition	3
GCH 422 Nutrition through the Life Cycle	3
Sociology or Anthropology course (may include GCH 583)	3
Developmental course (psychology or education)	3
<b>General Nutrition Electives</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>Select from the following:</i>	
CHEM 102, CHEM 463, GCH 466*, GCH 530, GCH 583	
*GCH 466 may be substituted for GCH 420 or 421.	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>

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## Admissions and Advising

Academic advising and application forms are available in the CHHS Office of Student Affairs.

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### Contact Information

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