

## Gerontology Certificate

### General Information:

A. There are 5 classes that comprise the Gerontology Certificate (two classes, HCOP 720 and HA 661, are required to graduate from the program regardless):

1. HCOP 720: Health Insurance and Managed Care
2. HCOP 680: Economics of Aging
3. HA 697: Independent Study: Advanced Long-Term Care Administration
4. HA 661: Social Issues
5. GRD 600: Interdisciplinary Gerontology Course - Aging

The dual degree students, who pursue this certificate, will complete 97 hours upon graduation (this is an additional 3 hours beyond the required number of hours to graduate).

- B. The independent study needs to be completed within two semesters.
- C. The purpose of the independent study is to give students an opportunity to work with administrators within the long-term care setting and participate/lead projects relevant to the organization's needs. It is like a mini-residency that affords students a chance to gain "hands-on" experience while in school.
- D. Examples of past independent study projects include:
  - Community needs assessment for a resource center at Brookwood Hospital
  - Step Down care / subacute care at UAB
  - Market analysis and needs assessment for assisted living facilities
  - Analyzing management practices for Alacare (a large, independent home care company)
  - Various projects at St. Martins in the Pine (a skilled nursing facility)
- E. A contract is arranged between the students and the persons/organizations within the community. It delineates the student's responsibilities and deliverables (i.e. desired product). In addition, a report is submitted to Dr. Shewchuk addressing the independent study's strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for improvement.
- F. Talk to Dr. Shewchuk if you have additional questions.

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MSHA/MBA Gerontology Course Sequence (Revised January 2005)

<b>First Fall</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Credit hours</b>
	HA 602	Introduction to Health Care Systems	4
	HA 631	Organization Theory and Behavior	3
	HA 632	Quantitative Methods	3
	HA 645	Health Economics	3
	MBA 610	Financial Reporting and Analysis for Mgmt	3
		Total Hours	16
<b>First Spring</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Credit hours</b>
	HA 612	Essentials of Health and Human Disease	3
	HA 620 I	Health Care Financial Management	3
	MBA 671	Health Care Marketing	3
	MBA 661	Decision Science	3
<b>Gerontology (1)</b>	HCOP 720	Health Insurance and Managed Care	3
		Total Hours	15
<b>First Summer</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
<b>Gerontology (2)</b>	HCOP 680	Economics of Aging	3
	HA 635	Human Resources Management	3
<b>Gerontology (3)</b>	HA 697	Independent Study For Gerontology Certificate	3
	MBA 611	Management Information Systems	3
	MBA 630	Social, Ethical, and Legal Environment	3
	MBA 698	Treasury Management (satisfied MBA Finance elective)	3
		Total Hours	18
<b>Second Fall</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
<b>Gerontology (4)</b>	HA 661	Social Issues	3
	HA 625	Strategic Planning and Management	3
	HA 621	Health Care Financial Management II	3
	HA 618	Seminar in Health Care Administration	1
	MBA Elective	To be determined	3
	MBA 641	Macroeconomic Analysis	3
		Total Hours	15
<b>Second Spring</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
	HA 613	Health Law	3
	MBA 633	Production and Operations Management	3
	MBA 634	Business Policy	3
	MBA 651	Seminar in Marketing Policy	3
	MBA Elective	International Business Elective Choices (MBA 624 – International Finance; MBA 635 – Int’l Business Policy; MBA 654 – Int’l Mkt)	3
		Total Hours	16
<b>Second Summer</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
<b>Gerontology (5)</b>	HA Elective	GRD 600	3
<i>Summer Term</i>		Total Hours	3
<b>Third Fall</b>	HA 655	Synthesis	4
	HA 690	Administrative Residency	5
<b>Third Spring</b>			
	HA 690	Administrative Residency	5
			<b>97 Total</b>

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<b>Fall 2004</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
	HA 602	Introduction to Health Care Systems	4
	HA 631	Organization Theory and Behavior	3
	HA 632	Quantitative Methods	3
	HA 645	Health Economics	3
	MBA 610	Financial Reporting and Analysis for Mgmt	3
		Total Hours	16
<b>Spring 2005</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
	HA 612	Essentials of Health and Human Disease	3
	HA 613	Health Law	3
	HA 620	Health Care Financial Management	3
	MBA 671	Health Care Marketing	3
<b>Gerontology (1)</b>	HCOP 720	Health Insurance and Managed Care	3
		Total Hours	15
<b>Summer 2005</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
<i>May Mini-term</i>	Select one:		
<b>Gerontology (2)</b>	HA Elective #1	HCOP 680- Economics of Aging	3
<b>Gerontology (3)</b>	HA Elective #2	GRD 600 -	
<i>Summer Term</i>			
	HA 635	Human Resources Management	3
	HA Elective #3	Process Improvement	3
<b>Gerontology (4)</b>	HA Elective #4	HA 697: Independent Study For Gerontology Certificate	3
		Total Hours	12
<b>Fall 2005</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
<b>Gerontology (5)</b>	HA 661	Social Issues	3
	HA 625	Strategic Planning and Management	3
	HA 621	Health Care Financial Management II	3
	HA 618	Seminar in Health Care Administration	1
	HA Elective #4	HA 611: Managed Care or HA 605: Health Policy	3
	HA 640	Information Systems and Management Science in Health Services Administration	3
		Total Hours	16
<b>Spring 2006</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
	HA 690	Administrative Residency	5
	HA 655	Synthesis of Health Services Administration	4
		Total Hours	9
<b>Summer 2006</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
	HA 690	Administrative Residency	5
		Total Hours	5
			<b>73 total</b>