SECONDARY MAJOR IN LONG TERM CARE ADMINISTRATION

Our secondary major in long term care administration is designed to prepare you for a career with the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population. Over the past 10 years, the number of Americans 65 and over increased by 30% and is projected to more than double to 98 million in 2060. Those who are 85+ are the fastest growing segment of the older adult population. The career outlook for administrators is solid. The number of medical and health services managers in the United States is expected to grow by approximately 20% through 2022. This rate is far higher than the average projected increase for other jobs. (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018) A student completing this secondary major will be eligible to take the licensing exams that are required for Adult Care Home Administrators in Kansas. This program will provide students with the knowledge & skills to be successful leaders in aging services.

Required Courses (24 hours)

- GERON 315—Introduction to Gerontology (3)
- GERON 510—Aging in America: Policy & Advocacy (3)
- GERON 600—Seminar in Gerontology (3)
- GERON 610—Seminar in Long-Term Care Administration (3)
- ACCTG 231—Accounting for Business Operations
- MANGT 420—Management Concepts (3)
- *GERON 615—Long-Term Care Administration Internship (9)

Elective Courses (3 hours of elective courses from approved list)

*Permission to enroll required. Students must maintain an overall GPA of 2.5, and a GPA of 3.0 in gerontology courses to qualify for enrollment in GERON 615

Long-Term Care Administrator

Oversees daily operations of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and rehabilitation centers. Handles staffing, budgeting, marketing, billing, record-keeping, and other business aspects of the center. Uses administrative expertise to improve the quality of patient care services.

Health Information Manager

Responsible for managing and securing patient records. Significant time working with computers and software to comply with federal mandates for electronic storage of patient information. Makes sure records are complete and accurate. Processes, analyzes, and reports data that is vital to the healthcare system.

Explore Career Options

Home Care Case Manager

Coordinates the overall interdisciplinary care plans for home health/hospice patients from admisson to discharge. Acts as liasion between patient/family and homecare personnel to ensure necessary care is provided promptly and effectively.

Medical Sales Representative

Responsible for marketing medical products and services to hospitals, clinics and doctor's practices. Establishes and maintains relationships with customers by taking orders, soliciting opinions, providing information about new products and keeping records or progress reports.

Required and elective gerontology courses

Health and Human Sciences

- GERON 315 Intro to Gerontology (3)
- GERON 400 Biogerontology (3)
- GERON 501 Culture Change in Long Term Care (1)
- GERON 502 Measuring Change in Long Term Cr (1)
- GERON 503 Creating Home in Long Term Care (1)
- GERON 504 Strengthening Staff in Long Term C (1)
- GERON 505 Dining in Long Term Care (1)
- GERON 506 Activities in Long Term Care (1)
- GERON 510 Aging in America: Policy & Advocacy (3)
- GERON 600 Seminar in Gerontology (3)
- GERON 605 Practicum in Gerontology (1-3)
- GERON 610 Seminar in Long-Term Care (3)
- GERON 615 Long-Term Care Internship (9)
- GERON 620 Problems in Gerontology (1-3)
- GERON 705 Sexuality and Aging (3)
- GERON 710 Creativity and Aging (3)
- GERON 715 Aging Veterans (3)
- GERON 720 Design for Aging in Mod. World (3)

Apparel, Textiles and Interior Design

- ID 651 Design for Supportive Environ. (3)

Foods, Nutrition, Dietetics & Health

- FNDH 132 Basic Nutrition (3)
- FNDH 352 Personal Wellness (3)
- FNDH 400 Human Nutrition (3)
- FNDH 510 Life Span Nutrition (2)
- FNDH 720 Admin. Of Health Care Org. (3)

History

- HIST 520 Death and Dying in History (3)
- HIST 534 Social History of Medicine (3)

Human Development & Family Studies

- HDFS 510 Human Development and Aging (3)
- CNRES 530 Coping with Life Crises (3)
- CNRES 537 Elder & Family Decision Making (3)
- CNRES 539 Grief/Loss Across the Lifespan (3)
- HDFS 654 Death and the Family (3)
- PFP 764 Estate Planning for Families (3)

Kinesiology

- KIN 335 Physiology of Exercise (3)

Music, Theatre, and Dance

- THTRE 664 Creative Drama (3)
- THTRE 665 Drama Ther./Spec. Populations (3)
- THTRE 675 Drama Therapy/ Older Adults (3)

Philosophy

- PHILO 365 Medical Ethics (3)

Psychological Sciences

- PSYCH 518 Introduction to Health Psych (3)
- PSYCH 520 Life-Span Personality Dev. (3)
- PSYCH 715 Psychology of Aging (3)

Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work

- SOCIO 535 Population Dynamics (3)
- SOCIO 544 Social Gerontology (3)
- SOCWK 320 Dynamics of Working with Older Adults (3)

Other courses may be approved for gerontology credit on a case by case basis. Contact the Center on Aging advisor for more information at 785-532-5945 or gerontology@k-state.edu. See https://www.hhs.k-state.edu/aging/academics/ugrad/course-schedule.html for current course offerings.