

**Great Plains IDEA Graduate Studies in Gerontology
Masters in Gerontology or Graduate Certificate in Gerontology
Student Learning Outcomes**

OVERVIEW

The Great Plains IDEA (Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance) has developed an Internet-based gerontology curriculum. The inter-institutional master's and the graduate certificate in gerontology draw on the expertise of graduate faculty and courses from seven universities. Program content is based on core competencies identified by the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education. Interactivity between students and professor is accomplished through email, phone conferencing and the Internet classroom.

Knowledge and Skills

1. Demonstrate a basic understanding in at least four different areas (adult development and aging, family studies, health and nutrition for older adults, public policy, environments and aging, and research).
2. Know how to apply research findings and skills to solve problems related to older adults and their families.
3. Ability to synthesize critical issues related to aging from a multidisciplinary perspective.

Attitude

1. Demonstrate appropriate attitudes and professional conduct in solving problems related to older adults and their families.