GERONTOLOGY

OVERVIEW
The Johns Hopkins certificate in Gerontology is awarded to qualified students who have acquired a body of knowledge that is essential for success in this exciting field. The University is known for its several centers of excellence in gerontologic studies. It offers a rich array of aging-related courses, conferences, research projects, and mentors across its medical institutions: the Bloomberg School of Public Health, the School of Nursing, and the School of Medicine. The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine’s Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology is considered one of the best in the country, and the continuum of long-term and chronic care, located at the University’s Bayview Campus, has been referred to as the most complete in the United States.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES
1. Increase understanding of the health issues confronting aging populations and commonly used terms, conceptual frameworks, and domains of gerontology study.
2. Provide health professionals with skills for evaluating the health of an aging population.
3. Foster knowledge of constructive interdisciplinary research and practice for improving the quality of health care and long-term services and supports for aging populations.

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ELIGIBILITY
The certificate program is open to masters and doctoral students currently enrolled in any division of Johns Hopkins University, with the exception of JHSPH MAS students, who are not eligible to apply until they have completed their primary degree program. Undergraduate students at Johns Hopkins University enrolled in the public health studies major are also eligible to apply.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS
All applicants must review the General Certificate Guidelines page (http://e-catalog.jhu.edu/public-health/certificates/#newitemtext), which provides important information about how to apply to a certificate program.

APPLYING TO THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AS A JHU STUDENT (NON-DEGREE STUDENTS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM)
Application Procedures and Deadlines

Students already enrolled in graduate degree programs at JHU are not required to complete the School’s electronic admissions application, but must submit declaration of intent (http://e-catalog.jhu.edu/public-health/certificates/gerontology/Geronotology_Intent_Form.pdf) prior to starting coursework.

Priority deadline to submit intent is October 1; Final deadline to submit intent is December 1.

Start terms: 1, 2, 3

NOTE: JHU degree students who do not complete their certificate program by the time of graduating from their degree program will need to apply to the certificate program as a non-degree student in order to complete the certificate program after graduation.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION
Students must complete all certificate coursework for a letter grade, earn a minimum of a C in each certificate course, and maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.75 for all certificate courses. Students must successfully complete at least 18 credit hours among the required and elective courses. The certificate program length is flexible; it varies from student to student, however, the certificate program must be completed within three years.

The student should review the section of the website that addresses completion (http://e-catalog.jhu.edu/public-health/certificates/#courserequirementstext) before completing certificate program requirements. The student’s transcript will not indicate that the certificate was earned until the Notification of Completion has been submitted, verified by the certificate program, and processed by the Registrar.

COURSE OF STUDY
Students may use the JHSPH c (https://www.jhsph.edu/courses/) course directory (https://www.jhsph.edu/courses/) to determine when courses are offered. Students should also check for prerequisites and whether instructor consent is required. Prior to registering for any online courses, students must complete Introduction to Online Learning (https://courseplus.jhu.edu/core/index.cfm/go/course.home/cid/90/).

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Students interested in aging may learn about other aging-related training opportunities at Johns Hopkins University’s Center on Aging and Health (http://coah.jhu.edu/academics/).