

2019-2020

WITC ITV Course Offerings from the Field of Gerontology (Aging Services)

For students who are interested in working with older adults in a variety of settings including healthcare/human services, or wanting to learn more about issues that affect older family members or friends.

Fall Semester (2019)

Death and Dying

12:55 - 1:45 p.m.
10-544-107

Originates from WITC New Richmond/Superior MW, with one day online, 3 credits

Description: Explore societal, cultural, and personal views of death, dying, and bereavement. Examine losses experienced during the course of aging beyond the physical and emotional process of death and dying. Determine strategies for healthy transitions in coping with loss.

Spring Semester (2020)

Alzheimer's and Dementia

12:55 - 1:45 p.m.
10-544-105

Originates from WITC New Richmond/Superior MW, with one day online, 3 credits

Description: Examine the signs, symptoms and stages of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia and how these diseases affect physiology and brain function. This course focuses on the principles of communicating and providing care to individuals with memory loss and confusion while learning the best practices for dealing with behavior changes, challenges with the activities of daily living, and strategies to assist caregivers.

This course includes a Saturday lab requirement to experience the "Virtual Dementia Tour"®.

Continue your education

Students who complete either or both of these courses can apply them to the following offerings at WITC:

Gerontology-Aging Services Professional | Associate of Applied Science Degree

You will acquire comprehensive and interdisciplinary training to prepare you to work with older adults in a variety of positions and in diverse settings such as community, non-profit and government agencies, counseling centers, adult care, memory care, senior centers, home health care, assisted living, long-term care, nursing homes, group homes, hospitals, hospice, and business and industry. This innovative and flexible program blends online and in-person experiential learning with community-based fieldwork and is designed to fit into busy life schedules. You can choose part-time or full-time program options and mix and match coursework. In addition, you will be added to the Wisconsin Community-Based Residential Facility (CBRF) Employee Registry and will receive the American Red Cross First Aid Basic with Choking Certification of Completion.

Dementia Care Technical Certificate | Embedded Career Pathways

You will gain relevant and emerging information related to dementia types, symptoms and progression. You will be provided with practical tools and strategies that promote effective communication, honor human dignity, and support the importance of advanced planning. You will examine ways to positively impact your community through advocacy, education and other cutting edge initiatives based on coursework and experiential learning activities.

Gerontology for Healthcare Professionals | Embedded Career Pathways

You will be able to directly apply your acquired theory, knowledge and practical skills within a variety of professional settings. This technical certificate is designed to enhance the education and experience of practitioners who work directly with older adults in healthcare and clinical settings, community-based programs, residential facilities, and private or for-profit business and industry.

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