Program Description

Degree Awarded: MS Aging

The MS program in aging is aligned with ASU’s charter and design aspirations in assuming responsibility for the overall health of communities by educating students to become experts in the field of aging. This is achieved by fusing intellectual disciplines together to address the diverse needs of our rapidly aging population; transforming society by being socially embedded with partners in the aging network of health and wellness and social services; and networking with entrepreneurs developing senior-related business ventures.

The program provides students with advanced, interdisciplinary knowledge that focuses on improving the well-being of older adults within the context of their diverse families and communities. The curriculum is competency-based according to Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education competencies for graduate education. The curriculum addresses the multidimensional aging process, the needs of aging populations and their potential contributions to society; reflects national health initiatives; and encourages community collaborations that are reciprocal, beneficial and sustainable to improve health outcomes of older adults.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus

Degree Requirements

36 Credit Hours including the required course (ALD 593) and an Applied Project, or 36 credit hours including the required applied project course (HCA 593)

**Required Core (15 credit hours)**
HCA 501 Perspectives on Aging and the Life Course (3)
HCA 502 Research and Program Evaluation Issues in Aging (3)
HCA 503 Diversity in Aging (3)
HCA 504 Caregiving Issues for Families and Professionals (3)
HCA 505 Interdisciplinary and Community Collaboration in Aging (3)

Track (6 credit hours)

Electives (9 credit hours)

Other Requirements (3 credit hours)
HCA 509 Interventions to Support Aging in Place (3) or
HCA 510 Innovations in Program Development and Policy (3)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
HCA 593 Applied Project (3)

Additional Curriculum Information
Students choose a track for a total of six credit hours:

- aging services and case management
- innovation and entrepreneurship
- long-term care administration
- palliative and end of life care

The program also requires nine credit hours of electives to support the track and career interests. Students should see the academic unit for the current approved elective list. Other courses may be used with approval of the academic unit.

For other requirement coursework, students select either HCA 509 or HCA 510.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor’s or master’s degree in a related field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor’s degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants are required to submit:
1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. three letters of recommendation
4. professional resume
5. letter of intent or written statement
6. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

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