

Dementia Care

61-544-2 Pathway Certificate

Campuses: Ashland*, New Richmond*, Rice Lake*, Superior*
Outreach Centers: Balsam Lake*, Hayward*, Ladysmith*

*Combination of Online and Your Choice instruction



Overview

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.

Special Features

- Flexible course selection and scheduling designed to assist with life planning
- 8-week rotating block courses offered in Online and Your Choice evening formats
- Part-time and full-time program options with flexible entry and exit
- Ideal for people entering the job market or choosing to enhance their current careers in service delivery or leadership roles within the gerontology field
- Blend program offerings with Healthcare, Emergency Services, Human Services, or Business Programs
- This a unique program in the state

How to Apply

Complete the online application or contact Student Services. When completing an online application, select the Dementia Care certificate from the program of choice dropdown list.

Outcomes

The Dementia Care Certificate will prepare you to:

- Analyze the physical, social, psychological, and spiritual aspects of aging throughout the lifespan
- Analyze the physical, social, psychological, and spiritual aspects of dementia
- Apply ethical and legal practice consistent with a gerontology professional
- Identify the role of the gerontology professional in the connection of service delivery
- Identify strategies to cultivate an age-friendly community

Career Outlook

Upon completion of the Dementia Care certificate you will be well prepared to use your knowledge, skills and abilities to work with older adults in a variety of positions in diverse settings such as:

- Hospitals
- Hospice
- Home Health Care and Assisted Living
- Long-Term Care, Nursing Homes and Group Homes
- Adult Care
- Senior Centers
- Community, Non-Profit and Government Agencies
- Counseling Centers
- Business and Industry

Career Pathway

The Dementia Care program is a pathway into the following program (page 205):

- Gerontology - Aging Services Professional

Related Programs

- Human Services Associate
- Nursing - Associate Degree
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Medical Assistant
- Paramedic Technician
- EMT - Paramedic
- Nursing Assistant
- Gerontology for Healthcare Professionals

Curriculum

Number	Course Title	Credits
10544100	Communication of Aging	3
10544107	Death and Dying	3
10544105	Alzheimer's and Dementia	3
10544111	Legal and Financial Issues of Aging	3

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Course Descriptions

10544100

Communication of Aging - Credits: 3

Develop effective communication strategies and supportive interview techniques that enhance rapport and relationships with aging populations. Apply ethical principles, standards and boundaries that acknowledge self-determination.

10544107

Death and Dying - Credits: 3

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.

10544105

Alzheimer's and Dementia - Credits: 3

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.

10544111

Legal and Financial Issues of Aging - Credits: 3

Analyze legal and financial concepts and structures including Power of Attorney for health care/finance, guardianships, trusts, reallocation of assets, spending down, Medicare/Medicaid benefits, supplemental insurance, Social Security, elder abuse/neglect, financial exploitation, and relevant governmental policies. Apply knowledge through advocacy to benefit aging adults on local, state and federal levels.