

GERONTOLOGY

Overview

School of Continuing Education
MacEwan.ca/Gerontology

Older patients often require complex and specialized care to maintain physical and mental health. With new advances in all areas of health care, nurses specializing in gerontology offer their patients increased mobility, improved resilience and greater peace of mind.

Career Potential

Graduates specializing in gerontological nursing work in general nursing practice and often take on leadership roles in continuing care, acute care, community nursing, home care, health promotion and primary care. Market trends indicate that independent practice in the area of self-care for older persons (with an emphasis on teaching preventive strategies) will become a central role for the gerontological nurse in the near future.

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Program Requirements

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| NURS 475 | Ethics in Gerontology and Palliative Care ¹ | 2 |
| NURS 476 | Leadership in Care Management ¹ | 2 |
| NURS 477 | Therapeutic Relations in Specialty Practice ¹ | 3 |
| NURS 478 | Field Project ¹ | 1 |
| NURS 480 | Conceptualizing Gerontology ¹ | 2 |
| NURS 481 | Optimizing Older Adult Health ¹ | 4 |
| NURS 482 | Dementia Care in the Elderly ¹ | 4 |
| Total Credits | | 18 |

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The minimum passing grade for this course is a C-.

Admission Requirements

Applicants may be admitted to one of the following:

Regular Admission

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicants must be actively registered in Canada as one of the following:

- Registered Nurse
- Registered Psychiatric Nurse
- Graduate Nurse with a temporary permit
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Registered Practical Nurse

Additional Admission Criteria

All applicants must meet the following:

1. English Language Proficiency

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicable to all admission categories

All applicants must meet an acceptable level of English language proficiency. We will require official documents such as high school or post-secondary transcripts or proof of successful completion of standardized language evaluation. Full details are available in MacEwan University's academic calendar or online at MacEwan.ca/ELP.