Regis University
GERONTOLOGY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
Classes begin January 6, 2014

BASIC CERTIFICATE INFORMATION

Regis University’s Gerontology Certificate Program will build on the foundational understanding of normal and abnormal changes in the aging population. The curriculum places an emphasis on acute and chronic disease management, patient advocacy and management across the continuum of care, health promotion, and the development of a therapeutic relationship. No clinical hours are required for this certificate; however, learning objectives and assignments will provide an opportunity to work with the older adult population.

The course content for the four courses is based on the following criteria:

• Course content is based on the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (2008) basic Geriatric education in The Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice.

• Course content is based on the American Association of College of Nursing (2010) Recommended Baccalaureate Competencies and Curricular Guidelines for the Nursing Care of Older Adults.

• Course content is based on the requirements to complete the Gerontological Nurse Certificate exam offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). Nurses who complete the certificate program will receive the content required to take the Gerontological Nurse Certificate exam. This is an important certificate exam for nurses who work with older adults and want to receive certification in their specialty area.

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COURSES AND BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS:

NR 423: Health Assessment and Health Promotion of the Aging Population (3)
This course focuses on the special needs of older adults across the health care continuum. This course builds a foundation of understanding of normal changes in aging in conjunction with the benefits of health promotion. The health care needs of the aging population is explored emphasizing development of the therapeutic relationship, data collection, levels of prevention, and barriers to health promotion, communication, ageism and myths of aging along with cultural sensitivity. Field work to include 1:1 contact with the older adult population.

NR 424: Pathophysiology and Pharmacology of the Aging Population (3)
This course builds on basic understanding of Pathophysiology and Pharmacology to explore the special needs of the aging population. Emphasis is placed on acute and chronic disease management, cognitive decline, psychological disorders, and pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamics changes of aging. Field work to include 1:1 contact with the older adult population.

NR 425: Management of the Care Environment of the Aging Population (3)
This course focuses on the programs and services currently available for the elderly as well as the developing services the focus on the aging population inclusive of the baby boomers. Emphasis is placed on the management role across the aging population continuum of care. Field work to include 1:1 contact with the older adult population.

NR 429: Organizational and Health Policy Issues of the Aging Population (3)
This course focuses on the advocacy for older adults across the health care continuum. Students have the opportunity to explore national, state and local policies related to the aging population. National organizations and federal, state, and local regulatory bodies are explored related to understanding health policy issues and regulatory compliance.

WHO SHOULD ENROLL IN THE PROGRAM AND HOW WOULD THEY BENEFIT?:

The Registered Nurse with an Associate Degree, Diploma or BSN Degree from an accredited institution of higher learning will benefit from this program.

• This specialized training is essential for the registered nurse in order to understand and recognize the physiological, psychological and cognitive, sociological, and unusual elements associated with the aging process. Even nurses with many years of experience will benefit from the curriculum that is based on the most current evidence-based practices in care of the older adult.

• This certificate program prepares participants to take the American Association of Nurse Credentialing’s Gerontology Certificate Exam by offering content that meets the requirements for the exam.

• This certificate program will allow two of the four courses to be applied toward the Post-Licensure RN-BSN program as electives, which is an added bonus for those nurses who would like to further their education by obtaining a Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing (BSN).