

LEADERSHIP: GERONTOLOGY (EDD) (PHD)

The Ph.D. and Ed.D. programs in Leadership: Gerontology provide a multidisciplinary framework from which to respond to existing age-related questions, and intensive, in-depth training for those who want unique preparation for leadership roles for addressing issues related to aging. The doctoral candidate's knowledge base of research methods and theoretical perspectives encompasses various social and basic science disciplines rather than relying on a single disciplinary approach to aging and leadership. The Ph.D. program in Leadership: Gerontology produces highly qualified and trained social scientists that have training in research methodology and its application in an aging society. The Ed.D. program in Leadership: Gerontology produces highly qualified and trained stewards of gerontological leadership trained in applied gerontology. Candidates of this degree may actively engage in research, teaching or service in academic or non-academic settings.

General Graduate Admission Requirements

All applicants must meet the general admission requirements for Concordia University Chicago graduate programs as published in the Concordia University Chicago academic catalog (<https://catalog.cuchicago.edu/graduate/graduate-admission-student-services/>).

New students are accepted into graduate degree-seeking, certificate, endorsement and/or post-graduate programs for online and on-campus study in the fall, spring, or summer semesters. Previously admitted students seeking to change programs may do so at the beginning of a semester (only) by submitting a Change-of-Program quick app (<https://capp.cuchicago.edu/graduate/change-of-program/>). Applicants must be in good academic standing according to Concordia University Chicago's satisfactory academic progress standards at the time of requesting a program change.

Degree Requirements for Ed.D. Track

Code	Title	Hours
Doctoral Program Core		
EDL-7121	Research-Based Decision Making (non K-12)	3
EDL-7141	Organizational Change (non K-12)	3
EDL-7211	Policy Analysis	3
FPR-7011	Philosophical and Theoretical Foundations of Leadership	3
Research		
RES-7605	Quantitative Analysis	3
RES-7700	Qualitative Research	3
RES-7900	Research Design	4
Comprehensive Exam and Dissertation		
COMP-7000	Comprehensive Examination	0
DISS-7010	Dissertation I	3
DISS-7020	Dissertation II	3
DISS-7030	Dissertation III ¹	3
Gerontology Specialization Courses		
GERO-7000	Gerontological Theory	3

GERO-7500	The Physiology of Aging	3
GERO-7505	The Psychological Aspects of Aging	3
GERO-7560	Sociocultural Aspects of Aging	3
GERO-7800	Demography and Epidemiology of Aging	3
GERO-7805	Issues in Aging Policy	3
GERO-7810	Foundation of Teaching and Learning in Gerontology	3
GERO-7820	Leadership, Applied Ethics, Aging and Global Change	3
GERO-7900	Diversity in Aging Societies	3
GERO-7905	Professional Seminar in Gerontology	3
Total Hours		61

¹ Upon completion of the nine required hours of dissertation coursework, candidates must maintain continuous enrollment with DISS-8000 Dissertation Supervision until program completion.

Degree Requirements for Ph.D. Track

Code	Title	Hours
Doctoral Program Core		
EDL-7121	Research-Based Decision Making (non K-12)	3
EDL-7141	Organizational Change (non K-12)	3
EDL-7211	Policy Analysis	3
FPR-7300	Philosophy of Scientific Knowledge	3
Research		
RES-7605	Quantitative Analysis	3
RES-7700	Qualitative Research	3
RES-7800	Mixed Methods Research	3
RES-7900	Research Design	4
RES-7620	Advanced Topics in Statistics	3
or RES-7710	Advanced Qualitative Analysis	
Comprehensive Exam and Dissertation		
COMP-7000	Comprehensive Examination	0
DISS-7010	Dissertation I	3
DISS-7020	Dissertation II	3
DISS-7030	Dissertation III ¹	3
Gerontology Specialization Courses		
GERO-7000	Gerontological Theory	3
GERO-7500	The Physiology of Aging	3
GERO-7505	The Psychological Aspects of Aging	3
GERO-7560	Sociocultural Aspects of Aging	3
GERO-7800	Demography and Epidemiology of Aging	3
GERO-7805	Issues in Aging Policy	3
GERO-7810	Foundation of Teaching and Learning in Gerontology	3
GERO-7820	Leadership, Applied Ethics, Aging and Global Change	3
GERO-7900	Diversity in Aging Societies	3
GERO-7905	Professional Seminar in Gerontology	3
Total Hours		67

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Doctoral Graduation Requirements

- Have on file an application as a doctoral graduate student in this program.
- Have on file one official transcript from EACH college/university attended of all previous coursework taken.
- Complete, for this degree and program,
 - the credit hours and levels as designated,
 - within the specified time limit,
 - with grades of C- or higher,
 - with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Students completing multiple advanced programs or degrees at CUC must have a 3.0 GPA in each academic program in addition to a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- If transfer credit is approved to be applied: have on file an approved “Graduate Transfer Credit Approval” form(s) or evaluation(s).
- Have on file the Intent to Graduate/Complete form with the Office of the Registrar by the published deadline.
- Have on record the dissertation uploaded into ProQuest.
- Take and pass the final examination or terminal requirements in the program during or after the final course.
- Approval of the faculty.
- All administrative obligations to CUC must be cleared in order to prompt the release of CUC transcripts and diploma(s).

Every attempt has been made to include information to aid the student with information about his/her program, degree and graduation/completion requirements. It is, however, the student’s responsibility to complete all steps and meet all deadlines relevant to graduation requirements.