

GERONTOLOGY (MA)

The Master of Arts in Gerontology from Concordia University Chicago is designed to provide an interdisciplinary course of study for individuals interested in meeting the needs of an aging world and improving the lives of older adults. The Master of Arts in Gerontology positions graduates to promote and contribute to the wellness of our aging population. This program prepares graduates to work in a variety of aging-related careers. Additionally, this course of study allows for a tailor-made curriculum combining an integrated perspective on aging and older adults. Students are trained in the best practices of gerontological education, research and practice.

The program is designed to prepare traditional and non-traditional students for a career in gerontology. Based on the conceptual learning guidelines proposed by the Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE), the Master of Arts degree in Gerontology is designed to enable the student to:

- Appreciate the uniqueness, abilities and potentials of all older adults and their contributions to their families, their community and to society.
- Acquire educational, research and practice skills for an informed gerontological professional identity and practice.
- Develop increased competency in service to older adults and their families.
- Develop skills for scholarship and research in assessing and implementing future change for older adults and an aging society.

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 most graduate degree-seeking, certificate, endorsement and/or post-graduate programs for online and on-campus study for in the fall, spring, or summer semesters. Students seeking to change programs may do so 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 and meet published program admission requirements at the time of requesting a program change. Program changes will be processed and recorded for the subsequent semester.

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
GERO-6000	Perspectives in Gerontology	3
GERO-6045	Aging, Values, Attitudes and Ethics	3
GERO-6050	Adult Development & Aging	3
GERO-6160	Sociology of Aging	3
GERO-6495	Program Management in Aging	3
GERO-6500	Public Policies & Aging	3
GERO-6510	Diversity in Aging	3
GERO-6750	Advanced Topics in Gerontology	3

GERO-6900	Seminar in Gerontology (includes capstone experience)	3
GERO-6980	Practicum in Gerontology (240 hours in field)	3
RES-6620	Introduction to Research	3
Total Hours		33

Graduation Requirements

- Have on file an application for this master's degree program.
- Have on file one official transcript from EACH college/university attended of all previous coursework taken.
- Complete, for the degree being sought:
 - the credit hours and levels as designated,
 - within the specified time limit,
 - with grades of C- or higher (grades of C or higher required for MAT programs),
 - 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.
- Have on file approved "Graduate Transfer Credit Approval" form(s), "Course Substitution" form(s), or evaluation(s), if applicable.
- Have on file the Intent to Graduate/Complete form with the Office of the Registrar by the published deadline.
- Have on file, if applicable, necessary copies of a project, portfolio, thesis or dissertation.
- 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.