Johns Hopkins University
Certificate on Aging
Advanced Certificate on Aging

A full curriculum of courses on aging and the aging experience, designed to satisfy self/family/community interests, and also offering Continuing Education Units, a Certificate on Aging, and now an Advanced Certificate on Aging, to serve the needs of caregivers, professionals, and para-professionals in their work with aging clients, families, and institutions.

Meeting the Challenges of an Aging Population
Older Americans comprise the fastest growing population in the United States. The consequences of this demographic change are having profound implications for us all. The ethical, financial, legal, medical, and psychological issues affect not only seniors but also those who serve and care for them.

Reaching your Goals
Whether you are an experienced professional, just starting out in the field, or caring for a family member, our program has relevance for you.

Built upon the solid tradition of teaching excellence, Johns Hopkins University Certificate on Aging offers an array of courses for general interest, and certification designed to serve the needs of those who work with aging adults and their families—clergy, financial planners, lawyers, nurses, social workers, volunteers, and work/life planners. This interdisciplinary program draws upon the University’s rich resources and offers students from a variety of backgrounds the opportunity to broaden their professional training.

Eligibility and Matriculation
All courses are open to any interested adult for individual enrollment, without prerequisites. Students can choose topics and courses judged most beneficial to their interests and needs. Prospective students may apply throughout the year. Matriculation is required for those interested in acquiring the Certificate on Aging or the Advanced Certificate on Aging (see Matriculation and Certificate Requirements on reverse side).

Continuing Education Units
Need Continuing Education Credits? We offer the opportunity for Maryland licensed social workers, professional counselors and therapists to earn continuing education credits.

• Courses are approved for Category 1 credit for CEUs as defined by the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners.
• Courses are approved by the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists for Category A credit.

For more information on Certificate on Aging courses, or to receive a current catalog, please call 410-516-7428, email odyssey@jhu.edu, or visit advanced.jhu.edu/certificate-on-aging.

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The Certificate on Aging program is designed to provide a solid foundation in the complex field of human aging. All courses are open for individual enrollment, but for the students pursuing the Certificate or the Advanced Certificate, the program is built around a core of four required interdisciplinary courses, two of which are offered each semester. Four additional electives allow students to specialize in particular areas of practice or interest. Coursework is designed to increase and expand a student’s knowledge of senior population issues, such as the aging process, wellness strategies, long-term care options, and examining programs and services for older persons and their families.

The Certificate was developed by Johns Hopkins University through broad consultation and is administered by the Odyssey Program of the Johns Hopkins Advanced Academic Programs, with the assistance of an interdisciplinary Advisory Board.

Enjoy these program benefits:

Exceptional faculty: Our exceptional instructors include academically and professionally accomplished practitioners, who combine strong teaching skills with specialty expertise. Their commitment, combined with years of practical experience, provides an educational experience beyond the theoretical.

Flexibility: The Certificate Program is designed to meet the needs of working adults, with most classes offered in the evenings on the Homewood Campus. The program can be completed in two years.

Affordability: The formal Certificate program can be completed for under $2500 in tuition and fees. The program can be completed in two years.

Graduates:

• Substance Abuse in Later Life
• Redefining Aging: Successful Aging and Caregiving
• Long Term Care: Policies and Programs
• Legal Issues and the Elderly
• Holistic Approaches to Health and Aging
• Ethical Issues and the Elder Caregiver
• Counseling, Care Management, and Older Adults
• And others

The Certificate on Aging program is designed to provide personalized, interactive education and academic excellence. The Certificate program can be completed in two years. Offered in the evenings on the Homewood Campus.

Matriculation and Certificate Requirements
All courses are open for individual enrollment, but to meet the requirements to receive the Certificate on Aging, student must matriculate (register by phone or online), complete the four required courses and four elective courses. To receive an Advanced Certificate on Aging a capstone project must be completed as well. There are no tests or grades but participants must attend 75 percent of all classes, and the capstone project must be completed under the approval of an academic advisor. For a list of current courses offered and course descriptions, please visit advanced.jhu.edu/certificate-on-aging or call 410-516-7428 to receive a current course catalog.

Required Courses

Biological Aspects of Aging offered in the Fall
The course is organized along two primary goals—to explore the biology of human aging for the non-medical person and to look at the science behind anti-aging interventions that may potentially modify the human body’s interaction with the aging process.

Psychology of Aging offered in the Fall
Within the context of developmental psychology, this course examines the important psychological changes that occur within the last third of life.

Growing Old in an Aging Society offered in the Spring
Why do people retire? What do retirees do and where do they go? How do our relationships with family and friends change? What impact will the growing number of elderly have on economic, social, and medical institutions in this country?

Public and Private Programs for the Elderly offered in the Spring
This pragmatic course explores the wide range of public and private programs for the elderly, in the areas of income security, nutrition, social protection, recreation, housing, health insurance, health services, and employment.

Electives
Elective courses will vary, but 3 12-hour courses will be offered each semester.
- Aging and the Brain
- Counseling, Care Management, and Older Adults
- Ethical Issues and the Elder Caregiver
- Holistic Approaches to Health and Aging
- Legal Issues and the Elderly
- Lifelong Vibrancy™
- Long Term Care: Policies and Programs
- Redefining Aging: Successful Aging and Caregiving
- Substance Abuse in Later Life
- And others

Capstone Project
In order to earn Johns Hopkins Advanced Certificate on Aging, completion of a Capstone Project is required in addition to the coursework required for the Certificate on Aging. A culminating capstone project offers the opportunity to conduct guided independent research under the supervision of a faculty advisor. A capstone application and guidelines are sent to all matriculating students.

Certification
Upon matriculation and successful completion of the coursework, students will receive a Certificate on Aging from Johns Hopkins University attesting to the successful completion of Certificate on Aging course requirements. The Johns Hopkins Advanced Certificate on Aging requires the same course completion and requires, in addition, the completion of a Capstone Project.

For a listing of the current Spring or Fall Certificate on Aging courses and more information on the Certificate Program, and Advanced Certificate Program, please visit advanced.jhu.edu/certificate-on-aging or call 410-516-7428 to receive a catalog.