Overview
Interested in meeting the challenge of promoting health, wellness and quality of life for older adults in the health and social care systems? This one-year Ontario College Graduate Certificate program provides the theoretical knowledge and hands-on skills, gained through a field placement, to prepare professionals to work with older people in a community or institutional setting and to better understand the process of aging.

To qualify for this certificate, you must complete the program within three years.

Graduates may find employment in a variety of health care agencies and institutions that provide services for the older adult population.

Transfer of Academic Credit (Exemption)
If you possess qualifications beyond the entry level of your program (such as successful completion of another college, university or professional association course) you may be eligible for a Transfer of Academic Credit (or exemption) from an individual course. Official transcripts and course outlines are required at the time of application. For information or to apply for a Transfer of Academic Credit, please contact the Program Coordinator at 613-727-4723, ext. 7027.

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)
PLAR is a process to help you identify learning gained from life and work experiences and translate that learning into College credits that could help you achieve your diploma or certificate in a health or social service field. All applicants must complete an application form and forward to: Program Support Specialist Gerontology - Multidisciplinary Program Centre for Continuing and Online Learning Algonquin College 1385 Woodroffe Avenue, Room C137 Ottawa ON K2G 1V8 613-727-7655

Program of Study
Normative Hours
are the number of hours usually required to complete the learning objectives of a course and represent the relative value of a course in a program of study. Normative hours may vary from the actual hours of instruction. Hours listed in the Program of Study are normative hours.

Prerequisites and Corequisites
Students in Part-time Studies are expected to have either completed the stated prerequisite course(s) or possess the equivalent knowledge prior to enrolling in a course. Students are also expected to register in the relevant corequisite(s).

**GERONTOLOGY - MULTIDISCIPLINE**

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**Admission Requirements**

Program Eligibility

* Students are required to provide proof of successful completion of a two-year Ontario College Diploma (minimum) or equivalent, or an approved diploma or degree program in a health or social service field. All applicants must complete an application form and forward to:

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Applications are reviewed when received. Students may, however enroll in program courses if the stated course prerequisites are met.

Prior to the clinical placement experience, students are required to complete an Algonquin College Health Assessment Form and/or an Immunization Form.

Police Records Check Documentation:

Successful completion of clinical placement is a requirement for graduation from the Gerontology - Multidisciplinary program. Agencies that provide placement opportunities require you to have a clear Police Records Check for Service with the Vulnerable Sector (PRCSVS). Acceptance for placement is at the discretion of the agency. If you register in the program without a clear PRCSVS and as a result are unable to participate in placement, you will not be able to graduate.

Clinical Placement Eligibility:

To be eligible for placement, you must submit proof of a clear PRCSVS, which will be retained on your departmental file and used only for purposes related to placement. You will be required to disclose the contents of the PRCSVS, including all notations, to the placement agencies.

It is your responsibility to obtain the PRCSVS from your local Police Department prior to the deadline identified by your Department and to pay any associated costs. It may take a long time to obtain this documentation; please submit your application as early as possible. Should you require further information, please contact the Program Academic Manager.

Fees and Expenses

Fees are charged on a course-by-course basis and are published onCourse and online at www.algonquincollege.com/CCOL. For questions related to fees, please call the Registrar’s Office at 613-727-0002.

**Graduation Fee**

Once you have completed all the courses in the program, it is the responsibility of the student to contact the Registrar’s Office to obtain a certificate/diploma application. A graduation fee of $35 will be charged when the application is submitted. When your certificate/diploma application has been approved, you will be invited to Spring or Fall Convocation.

At the present time, books and supplies for the program are required on an individual course basis. The cost of these materials varies.
Additional Information
For more information, please contact Christine Flammer, Program Coordinator, at 613-727-4723 ext. 3272 or flammec@algonquincollege.com.

Some of the required courses in this program are also offered through Online Learning in an online format. For more information about this option, go to www.algonquincollege.com/OL.

Course Descriptions

HLT5634  AGING
This course provides an introduction to gerontology, to the physical, mental and social aspects of the aging process, and to the social and health care systems. It assists students to examine personal beliefs, values and attitudes toward their own aging, as well as reactions to older adults. Key issues examined in the Canadian context include income, retirement, housing, transportation, family support and social policy.

HLT5635  ADVOCACY
This course assists students to develop the skills required to adequately and appropriately promote the rights of the older adult. Advocacy is discussed in relation to the needs of the aged in our society. Current Ontario legislation regarding the rights of vulnerable adults is examined. Skills in understanding and managing elder abuse in the community and institutional settings are also part of this course.

HLT6735  EVALUATION AND PROGRAM PLANNING FOR MANAGERS AND LEADERS
This course focuses on the program planning logic model and examines each step in the process. Needs assessment, developing, and evaluating programs for clients with dementia and their caregivers, self-evaluation for own programs/facility and management environment and how to deal with staff are emphasized.

HLT6671  OVERVIEW OF DEMENTIA CARE
Normal aging versus dementia, including secondary influences, is discussed along with a focus on assessment and diagnosis. The main emphasis of this course is on philosophy of care, i.e., providing a holistic model of care within the existing medical model. Appropriate physical and emotional environment, effects of disease on caregiver and client, the family unit, role of research on caregiving and importance of ongoing education to maintain competence etc. are discussed.

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How to Get Started
You can register for Part-time courses in any of the following ways:

On-line: algonquincollege.com/oncourse

Tel: 613-727-0002
Toll Free: 1-800-565-4723