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HMS 236 Gerontology

COURSE OUTLINE

Prerequisites: None

Course Description:

Examines the process of aging; its implications in relation to health, recreation, education, transportation, meaningful work or activity, and to community resources. Emphasizes experiencing the aging process, facilitating retirement, and application of the helping relationship to work with older adults.

Semester Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 3

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Course Outcomes:

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Demonstrate an Understanding of the Challenges of the Aging Population
- Demonstrate an Understanding of the Social Interaction of the Elderly
- Demonstrate an Understanding of the Economic Challenges of the Elderly
- Demonstrate an Understanding of the Psychological Challenges of the Elderly
- Demonstrate an Understanding of the Biological Challenges of the Elderly

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Required Materials:

1. Internet access
2. Blackboard

Textbooks:

McInnis-Dittrick, Kathleen (2014). Social Work with Older Adults, 4th Edition, Pearson Education, Inc. ISBN: -13: 978-0-205-09672-5

The following supplementary materials are available: None

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Topical Description:

- Challenges of the Aging Population
- Social Interactions of the Elderly
- Economic Challenges of the Elderly
- Psychological Challenges of the Elderly
- Biological Challenges of the Elderly