

Virginia Western Community College

HMS 236

Gerontology

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

Required Materials

1. Textbook
2. Internet access
3. Blackboard

Textbook:

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

Other Required Materials:

None

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

Topical Description

1	Challenges of the Aging Population
2	Social Interactions of the Elderly
3	Economic Challenges of the Elderly
4	Psychological Challenges of the Elderly
5	Biological Challenges of the Elderly

Notes to Instructors

None