



**MOTION TO ADD, CHANGE, OR DROP A PROGRAM**

**UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE  
FONTBONNE UNIVERSITY**

Nature of change (please check):      Add Program    \* Modify Program      Drop Program

Change to occur in:                      Major              Minor              Concentration \* Certificate

**This motion includes new courses:              YES              \* NO**

**BASIC INFORMATION**

<b>Name of Motion:</b>	Certificate in Gerontology		
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<b>Department/College:</b>	Social Work		

**MOTION**

It is moved that:

A certificate in Gerontology be created from foundation and professional practice social work courses.

**Rationale**

The Gerontology Certificate offers students the advantage of an additional professional credential that supports employment and advanced graduate study opportunities. The certificate curriculum follows the National Association of Social Workers Standards for Social Work Gerontology practice and prepares students to apply for NASW Certification. Social work administrators and professionals working in institutions providing geriatric services have been consulted and support the development of the certificate content area.

The social work curriculum includes required foundation and field courses and self-selected professional practice courses. The Gerontology certificate offers students the opportunity to self-select professional practice courses specific to gerontology that meet the certification standards.

Education, licensure and social work experience doesn't replace a professional credential: rather it speaks to meeting minimal requirements of proficiency. Obtaining a credential is the next progression in a social worker's professional career. The certificate recognizes the bearer as having in depth knowledge and competency in a specific area of social work. nasw.org 2016

Proposed Date of Implementation:      **Fall 2016**

**Projected Enrollment: 5**

**Does proposed program replace existing program?              Yes              \* No**  
**If so, which one?**

**Effect on currently enrolled students: n/a**

**Does this change affect other departments/colleges?              Yes              \* No**

**If yes, list names of Department Chairs who gave approval for this change:**

**Should any courses be removed from the catalog permanently?** Yes \* No

**If so, please list:**

The financial impact of this program has been discussed with the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the VPAA has agreed for this motion to move forward. Yes No

The certificates offer students an additional credential for taking courses currently offered for social work degree completion.

Financial Impact (describe/list projected amounts):

a. Faculty: \$

b. New Library Holdings [*please check with your Liaison Librarian for help with this number*]: \$

c. Equipment: \$

d. Audio-visual / software: \$

**Distribute to the following:**

\* Catalog \* Registrar Purple GER Sheet Other (explain):

### **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

New Program Objectives/Outcomes:

**The goals and objectives of the Gerontology Certificate Program follow the guidelines set forth by the National Association of Social Workers and are created to prepare students for national certification through NASW. The goals are to prepare students for competent professional practice following the Standards of:**

1. Ethics and Values, Human Dignity, Social Justice, Integrity.
2. Professional Qualifications, Licensure, Scope of Practice.
3. Assessment, Documentation, Report, Record keeping
4. Care and Case Management
5. Service Planning
6. Client Advocacy
7. Supportive Counseling

### **COURSES FOR NEW PROGRAM**

*List all courses required for the new program.*

<u>EXISTING COURSES (number/title)</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
SWK100 Introduction to Social Work	3.0
SWK110 Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3.0
SWK 332 Crisis Intervention Theory and Skill or SWK 432 Counseling Theories	3.0
SWK 352 Gerontology	3.0
SWK 251 Palliative and Hospice Care	3.0
SWK 452 Adult and Senior Counseling and Case Management or SWK 361 Social Work Practice and the Law	3.0

**NEW COURSES (complete this information for each new course)**

**Course Number & Title:** N/A

Catalog description to be used:

**Prerequisites:** Open to BSW majors, non-social work majors with Social Work Department Chair approval  
**Credit Hours:** 18

**Frequency of course offering:** every semester and every other year.

**Please select:** \* Required \* Elective

**Format:** \* Face-to-Face Online \* Blended