

# Overview of Graduate Education in Geriatrics & Gerontology in Canada



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# 1) Post-graduate Training in Geriatric Medicine

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- Specialization (Fellowship) within:
  - Family Practice,
  - Internal Medicine
  - Psychiatry




## 2) Post-graduate Training in Gerontology

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- Post-baccalaureate Diploma
- Some specialization within traditional departments
  - E.g. U Victoria –Life Span Developmental Psychology Program
- 4 Universities offer Masters degrees
  - Mount Saint Vincent U (Halifax, NS)
  - Simon Fraser U (Vancouver, BC)
  - U Sherbrooke (Quebec)
  - University of Waterloo (Ontario)
- 1 PhD program –U. Sherbrooke; other universities offer PhD “by Special Arrangement”

# Characteristics of Gerontology Masters Degree Programs in Canada

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- 3 offer MA; 1 offers MSc
  - 2/4 Courses + Internship
  - 4/4 Project or Thesis Required
  - Life Course Perspective
  - Emphasis on Normal Aging
  - Specialization
    - Mount St. Vincent - Family Studies & Gerontology
    - Simon Fraser
      - Built Environment
      - Health Promotion/ Population Health
    - Waterloo - Health Studies & Gerontology

# Simon Fraser U. PBD Required Courses



Gero 300- Introduction to Gerontology
Gero 301- Research Methods in Gerontology
Kin 461- Physiological Aspects of Aging
Psych 357- Psychology of Adulthood & Aging
SA 410 – Sociology of Aging
GERO 400 –Seminar in Applied Gerontology

# SFU PBD Optional Courses

CRIM 411- Crime & Victimization of Older Adults	GERO 404-Health & Illness in Later Life
EDUC 351-Teaching the Older Adult	GERO 406-Death & Dying
GERO 302- Health Promotion & Aging	GERO 407- Nutrition & Aging
GERO 401– Aging and the Built Environment	GERO 408- Families & Aging
GERO 402-Drug Issues in Gerontology	GERO 410,411 & 412- Special Topics Eg. First Nations Elder Care
GERO 403-Counseling with Older Adults	SA 316-Ethnicity & Aging



# Program Components – SFU Master of Arts in Gerontology

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- Core courses
- Required courses from each concentration
- Elective courses
- Project or Thesis
- Internship

# SFU Masters - Required Courses

<b>All Students</b>	
Gero 801-Health Policy & Applied Issues in Gerontology	
Gero 803-Analytical Techniques for Gerontological Research	
<b>Built Environment Stream</b>	<b>Health Promotion/Population Health Stream</b>
Gero 810-Community Based Housing for Older People	Gero 820-Principles and Practices of Health Promotion
Gero 811-Institutional Living Environments	Gero 822-Families, Community & Health



# Masters Curriculum

Core Courses – required of all students

- Gero 801-Health policy and applied issues in Gerontology
- Gero 803-Analytical techniques for Gerontological Research

## ■ Area of Concentration Required Courses

- Built Environment
  - Gero 810-Community Based Housing for Older People
  - Gero 811-Institutional Living Environments
- Health Promotion/Population Health
  - Gero 820-Principles and Practices of Health Promotion
  - Gero 822-Families, Communities and Health

# Elective Courses



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- Students may fulfill elective requirements by selecting from the following courses or required courses from another gerontology concentration
  - Gero 802-Development & Evaluation of Health Promotion Programs for Older Adults
  - Gero 830-Human Factors, Technology & Safety
  - Gero 850-Special Topics
  - Gero 899-Directed Studie
  - SA 886-Selected Problems in Social Analysis (when offered as Social Policy in a Changing Society)

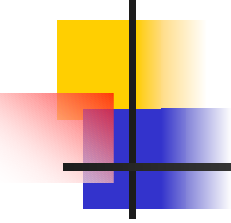
# Evaluation

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- Standard periodic (external) review eg. Using Ontario Council of Graduate Studies Guidelines.

Indicators include:

- Evidence of student demand
- Ratio of degree completions to admissions
- Time to degree completion
- Current students' evaluation
- Community and Alumni evaluation
- Evidence of faculty productivity (grants, publications, student mentoring)
- Post-graduate employment/admission to PhD

## Tracking of MA Graduates: SFU

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- Coordinator Store front location/Peer Counseling Coordinator, Westend Seniors Network
  - Program Director, Adult Day Centre
  - Director, South Granville Seniors Centre
  - Clinical Exercise Specialist, Burnaby Healthy Heart Program
  - Health Planner, Halton-Peel District Health Council
  - Policy Analyst, Div. Aging & Seniors, Health Canada
  - 5 PhD Candidates
    - Gerontology, U Southern California Leonard Davis School; Architectural Studies, U. Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Nursing U. of Victoria; Pharmacy U. Toronto; Special Arrangements, U Toronto