



The more classes a student takes, the more prepared they are to take the national gerontology certification exam.

Admission requirements for college credit:
Courses taken for college credit will follow Butler's standard admission requirements.

Courses taken for Continuing Education Units
Contact Butler Allied Health at (316) 320-7375

By 2030, 20% of the country's population will be age 65 or older.

"As more Americans are living longer and interested in remaining as independent as possible, the special needs of the elderly become more and more important to health care professionals. Nurses with advanced knowledge in gerontology play a very prominent role in assisting our elders to live a life as independent as possible. A certification in gerontology is an important credential for nurses who work with the elderly."

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Today's Aging Population Needs Specialized Nurses

Take the Pure Learning Power of Butler Community College and the impeccable reputation of Butler's nursing department and you know you'll be getting education that is second-to-none.

What's better is that you can take all of the courses wherever YOU are. All courses are internet-based. That means you can do class work whenever its convenient for you, wherever its convenient for you. All courses may be taken for college credit or Continuing Education Units (CEU). Butler is approved as a provider of continuing education by the Kansas State Board of Nursing.

"So many nurses, especially in rural areas, have limited access to continuing education. If they have a computer and internet access, anyone can take these classes from anywhere."

- Anita Mills

Courses are broken down into three clusters: The first cluster is geared toward administrative and leadership development. The second cluster deals with social and ethical types of courses. The third cluster covers the actual nursing care of older adults. Following completion of each cluster, students will earn a certificate from Butler.



Courses

Cluster 1:

LS 230 - Leadership Development

Prerequisites: The student must have accumulated 24 or more college hours (or enter by instructor consent). This course will enable the student to appraise the philosophical concepts or arguments in 21st century leadership venues. The student will develop a personal leadership philosophy, address moral and ethical responsibility of leadership and determine his/her own style of leadership. This course integrates readings from the humanities, classic works of literature, contemporary multicultural writing and experiential learning exercised with readings and discussion of traditional leadership theories. The student should possess good reading, writing and verbal skills.

3 credit hours

NR 225 - Nursing Leadership for the LPN

Available online Spring 2008

1 credit hour or 15 CEU's

NR 222 - Introduction to Minimum Data Set

This course will enable the student to have basic knowledge of the federal and state requirements related to the minimum data set criteria for long term care.

2 credit hours or 30 CEU's

NR 223 - Legal Issues of the Elderly

This course will enable the student to explore various legal issues specific to the elderly client. This information will assist the student to act as an advocate for the elderly population.

2 credit hours or 30 CEU's

Cluster II:

NR 226 - Issues of the Older Adult

This course will enable the student to meet the needs of older adults and their caregivers in the areas of adaptation to living environments, elder abuse, financial resources and sexuality through use of community resources and education.

2 credit hours or 30 CEU's

NR 228 - The Older Woman

This course will enable the student to analyze health care issues specific to the older woman. The student will then be able to identify and implement appropriate nursing interventions for the older woman.

2 credit hours or 30 CEU's

NR 227 - Culturally Diverse Older Adult

This course will enable the student to recognize the relationship between cultural diversity and the healthcare of older adults. The student will develop an understanding of the underlying impact that various cultures have on the health status of older adults, including access/barriers to healthcare services. The student will apply the knowledge he/she gains about various cultural factors of older adults in order to provide optimal nursing care for this population.

1 credit hour or 15 CEU's

Cluster III:

NR 232 - Pain in the Older Adult

This course will enable the student to assess pain in older adults, and assist the client to achieve optimal control of pain. The student will explore collaborative care for the older adult in pain including complimentary therapies.

2 credit hours or 30 CEU's

NR 233 - Pharmacology and the Older Adult

Available online Fall 2007

1 credit hour or 15 CEU's

NR 236 - Nutrition and the Older Adult

Available online Spring 2008

1 credit hour or 15 CEU's

NR 235 - Mental Health of Older Adults

This course will enable the student to assess the mental health of older adults, describe the most common mental disorders, discuss how their presentation differs with age, nursing management and common treatments of these disorders, and available resources.

2 credit hours or 30 CEU's

NR 115 - IV Therapy for LPN

Prerequisite: LPN with a current Kansas license. This course will enable the student to perform safely and competently the intravenous fluid therapy activities as defined in the Kansas Nurse Practice Act. The course is based on the nursing process and current intravenous nursing standards of practice. The student must be prepared to complete all the pre-clinical requirements for the Department of Nursing.

3 credit hours or 45 CEU's

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