

ABOUT GREAT PLAINS IDEA

The Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (Great Plains IDEA) is a consortium of distinguished, accredited universities offering fully online graduate programs. Each university brings a unique strength in faculty and curriculum to the multi-institution program. Students choose a home university where they apply, are admitted, register for courses, and receive their degree. Online courses are taught by the best faculty in each discipline from several universities. Students pay one common price per credit hour regardless of which university is their degree-granting institution.

PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES

Iowa State University

<http://www.distance.iastate.edu/gpidea/gpideahomepage.php>

Kansas State University

www.k-state.edu/ksugpidea

North Dakota State University

www.ndsu.edu/hde/graduate/online_masters_degrees/

Oklahoma State University

<http://ches.okstate.edu/gpidea/>

Texas Tech University

<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/hs/gpidea/>

University of Missouri

www.mudirect.missouri.edu/greatplains

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Human Development and Family Science: **GERONTOLOGY**

Online Master's Degree &
Graduate Certificate Programs



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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

We live in an aging society, one in which the older population is growing both in absolute numbers and in proportion to all other age groups. Businesses, government agencies, service organizations, educational institutions and self-employed professionals from every economic sector are recognizing the need for specialized knowledge and skills to meet the needs of this changing demography.

An advanced degree in Gerontology can benefit the professional in:

- social work
- nursing
- counseling
- recreation
- public policy
- long-term care administration
- medicine
- architecture
- interior design
- adult education
- rehabilitation therapy
- human/family services

Some Gerontologists work directly with older persons in a wide variety of programs and services in the community. Others work on behalf of older persons in areas such as advocacy and teaching about aging.



Master's Degree Program of Study

24 Credits Required Coursework

- Perspectives in Gerontology
- Adult Development & Aging
- Physical Health & Nutrition in Aging
- Program Evaluation & Research Methods
- Professional Seminar in Gerontology
- Policy & Aging
- Environment & Aging
- Aging in the Family

12 Remaining Credits

(Determined by the student's Home Institution)

- Elective coursework and/or
- Master's paper or Thesis

Graduate Certificate Program of Study

15 Credits Required Coursework

- Perspectives in Gerontology
- Adult Development & Aging
- Physical Health & Nutrition in Aging
- Program Evaluation & Research Methods
- Professional Seminar in Gerontology

6 credits elective coursework

- Biological Aspects of Aging
- Gender & Aging
- Physical Activity & Aging
- Seminar in Long-Term Care
- Mental Health & Aging
- Global Perspectives
- Gerontechnology
- Cognitive Health
- Spirituality & Aging
- Creativity & Aging
- Sociology & Aging
- Practicum in Gerontology*

*Depending on requirements of degree-granting institution. Can be completed locally.

NOTE: Credits completed in a certificate may be considered as partial fulfillment for a graduate degree. Students should check with their degree-granting institution for more information.

METHOD OF DELIVERY

The courses in this program are taught by the same instructors who teach on campus at the participating universities. Curriculum is specially adapted for the online environment to ensure students receive the same quality education as they would experience on campus.

Course schedules are determined by the teaching institution, but do not have set class times, allowing students to access course content when it is convenient for them. Students meet deadlines as outlined by the instructor, and interact with instructors and other students through e-mail, chats, discussion boards, and other interactive methods. Students must have access to a computer, e-mail, and the Internet.

BENEFITS OF ONLINE LEARNING

- Advance your career
- Increase your earning potential
- Maintain work and family commitments
- Interact with instructors and classmates from around the world

