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## DIVISION OF LIFELONG LEARNING

### INTERPROFESSIONAL GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GERONTOLOGY

The Interprofessional Graduate Certificate Program in Gerontology is designed to increase the knowledge, skills, and abilities of health and human service professionals who provide care to older adults in a variety of settings.

The goals of the UMaine Interprofessional Graduate Certificate Program in Gerontology are to:

- Strengthen the knowledge, skills, and abilities of health and human service professionals for the provision of effective, comprehensive care and services for older adults and their caregivers.
- Increase the number of individuals who select a career in the health and human service fields with specialization in the delivery of services for older adults.
- Prepare professionals from a variety of fields to function as members of interprofessional teams in the provision of services that enhance the lives of older adults and those who care for them.

#### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Graduates of the certificate program will be prepared to function as members of interprofessional teams to effectively address the health and human service needs of an increasingly diverse aging population.

Upon completion of the Interprofessional Certificate Program in Gerontology, the graduate will:

- Demonstrate knowledge of social, behavioral, cultural, and health-related issues experienced by the growing population of older adults and their caregivers.
- Promote health, functionality, and quality of life of older adults through education of individuals and families and through appropriate referrals to service providers.
- Incorporate ethical principles in the provision of services for older adults and their caregivers.

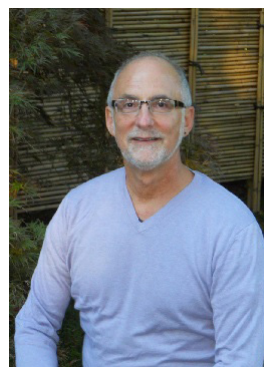
#### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (9 credits)

Course sequence: It is preferred that the Gerontology Certificate students take courses in sequence (GRN 500, GRN 501, GRN 502); however, this is not mandatory.

1. GRN 500: Opportunities and Challenges of Aging (3 credits) (offered fall)
2. GRN 501: Life Transitions and Health in Aging (3 credits) (offered spring)
3. GRN 502: Interprofessional Care of Older Adults in Diverse Settings (3 credits) (offered summer)

- Incorporate evidence-based strategies in assessing health and service needs and in designing care management plans for older adults and caregivers.
- Demonstrate understanding of an interprofessional team approach for efficient, innovative, and effective service delivery.
- Advocate for improved health and human services for older adults and their caregivers, grounded in knowledge of aging-related health policy and effective programs.

#### PROGRAM COORDINATOR



A prolific writer in the field of health care and aging, Dr Kaye has published more than 130 journal articles and book chapters and 13 books on specialized topics in aging including home health care, productive aging,

rural practice, family caregiving, controversial issues in aging, support groups for older women, and congregate housing. His most recent book is *A Man's Guide to Healthy Aging: Stay Smart, Strong, and Active*, The Johns Hopkins

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## Tuition\*

\$590/credit hour

\*Rates apply to the 2021-22 academic year. Unique course and/or program fees may apply.

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University Press (2013). He served on the National Advisory Committee for Rural Health and Human Services of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and currently serves on the advisory boards of a wide range of national and local health and human service programs serving older adults. He is a National Research Mentor for the Hartford Geriatric Social Work Scholars Program, a Research Scientist at Eastern Maine Medical Center, and Past President of both the Maine and New York State Gerontological Societies. He directs a series of John Hartford Foundation-funded gerontological social work education programs at the University of Maine. The past chair of the National Association of Social Worker's Section on Aging, he sits on the editorial boards of the Journal of Gerontological Social Work and Geriatric Care Management Journal, and is a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### Fall Semester 2021

Classes begin September 3  
Registration for Spring 2022 begins October 25  
Final Exams end December 17

### Winter Session 2021–22

Classes begin December 27  
Classes end January 14

### Spring Semester 2022

Classes begin January 18  
Registration for Fall 2022 begins March 28  
Final exams end May 6  
Commencement Saturday, May 7

### Summer University 2022

Registration begins February 1  
Classes begin May 9  
Classes end August 19

## STUDENT TESTIMONIAL



with my very busy schedule. The Certificate

“I earned my Interprofessional Graduate Certificate in Gerontology while taking classes on campus for my master's degree in Social Work. As a full-time student, the flexibility of the online classes was a great fit

program has a diverse group of guest lecturers from many disciplines, creating an invaluable and unique learning opportunity. Students also come to the program with varied educational and experiential backgrounds, leading to fascinating group discussions. I cannot speak highly enough about the instructors, all of whom were extremely accessible to students' questions and very open to feedback. I strongly recommend the Interprofessional Graduate Certificate in Gerontology for students from any background looking for a career in this rewarding and dynamic field.” – Laurie Qualey