

## Fourth-Year Geriatrics Elective-INTMD 7035 Graduate Certificate in Gerontology

### **Introduction**

A Graduate Certificate in Gerontology is awarded to fourth-year medical students who complete an intensive four-week rotation (“Gerontology Immersion”) that combines both didactic and clinical educational experiences. The modified curriculum structure is offered to create an opportunity for medical students who have an interest in a geriatrics specialty to achieve a university-conferred certificate in gerontology. In addition, the Gerontology Immersion helps to broaden and expand medical students’ interdisciplinary training.

This online course will examine the developmental and interactional transitions associated with the aging individual using an ecological conceptual model. Topics will be analyzed from a multi-disciplinary perspective.

### **Course Objectives**

1. to develop an appreciation and understanding of an ecological conceptual model as it applies to the aging individual and in the practice of geriatrics.
2. to understand how aging transitions and intergenerational issues and various contexts are interconnected
3. to apply course concepts to two term projects:
  - a. an older consultant case study
  - b. a project relating to the ecological model
4. to develop and appreciate the interdisciplinary nature of the field of gerontology.

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