A Master’s Degree in Gerontology will offer students an opportunity to be better prepared for a career in health care fields related to the elderly. It will offer health care professionals the knowledge and ability to make continuous changes and improvements in how the elderly are cared for. Health care providers and administrators with gerontology backgrounds will be very valuable in the changing market place.

This program will provide the opportunity for students in fields such as Health Care Administration, Nursing, Nutrition, Social Work, Public Administration, and Counseling/ Psychology to gain knowledge of the needs of the geriatric population--to care properly for the geriatric patients in both social and healthcare environments. The curriculum will prepare graduates to work more creatively, and do so in an ethical and moral fashion. As the population ages, it will be important for health care workers to adapt to their changing responsibilities, and feel comfortable that the risks they take for attempts at improvement are based upon a solid education and background.

39 credits are required for this degree. Sequencing of required courses:

- **GER 510** Concepts and Issues in Gerontology
- **GER 520/PSY 540** Psychological Perspectives on the Aging
- **GER 525** Aging Changes and Health
- **GER 590/N D 590** Research Methodology
- **GER 591/N D 591** Statistical Analysis
- **GER 596** Internship
- **GER 599** Practitioners Seminar
- **GER 527** Gerontological Services Administration
- **GER 528** Administration of Long-Term Care
- **GER 529** Planning Health Care Services for the Elderly
- **GER 511** Ethics in Management
- **GER 555** Professional Contribution
- **GER 583/BIOL 583** Emerging Medicines and Technologies

AGHE, the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, was consulted for curriculum guidelines and standards. Marywood’s Certificate in Gerontology has already received accreditation as an AGHE Program of Merit, and will seek the same for the Master’s degree, making it the only school in the Northeast to offer such a program.

**Dual Degree Program: M.S.W./M.S.Gerontology**
The dual degree program is designed for those who wish to combine the development of administrative and managerial expertise in defined service areas with the knowledge, skills, and values of the social work profession. The joint focus prepares students for a range of professional options and opportunities. Participation in a dual degree program permits the student to earn the M.S.W. degree with the M.S. Gerontology in a manner that expedites the time required, by crediting work earned for one degree to the requirements of the other.

Check the Marywood webpages for up-to-the-minute course listings by semester at [http://www.marywood.edu](http://www.marywood.edu). Tentative two-year scheduling cycles, forms and other information for Administrative Studies are also online or email [pubadm@marywood.edu](mailto:pubadm@marywood.edu).
Dual Degree: Master’s in Gerontology/Master of Social Work

Overview (81 semester hours) A Master’s Degree in Gerontology and Social Work will offer students an opportunity to be better prepared for a career in health care fields related to the elderly. It will offer health care professionals the knowledge and ability to make continuous changes and improvements in how the elderly are cared for. Health care providers and administrators with gerontology backgrounds will be very valuable in the changing market place.

The dual degree program is designed for those who wish to combine the development of administrative and managerial expertise in defined service areas with the knowledge, skills, and values of the social work profession. The joint focus prepares students for a range of professional options and opportunities. Participation in a dual degree program permits the student to earn the M.S.W. degree with the M.S. Gerontology in a manner that expedites the time required, by crediting work earned for one degree to the requirements of the other.

Interested students must make application for admission to both programs.

MSW Classroom Credits (36 semester hours)
SW 501 Theory & Practice of Social Work I ................................................................. 3
SW 502 Theory & Practice of Social Work II ............................................................... 3
SW 511 Advanced Social Work Practice ................................................................. 3
SW 512 Advanced Social Work Practice or SW 532 Administration II .................... 3
SW 531 Administration in Social Work Practice I ....................................................... 3
SW 601 Human Behavior I ...................................................................................... 3
SW 602 Human Behavior II ..................................................................................... 3
SW 701 SW Research Design & Methodology ..................................................... 3
SW 702 Social Work Research II: Implementation & Analysis ................................ 3
SW 801 Introduction to Social Welfare ................................................................... 3
SW 802 Social Welfare Policy II ............................................................................. 3
SW 971 Ethical Issues in Social Work Practice ....................................................... 3

Social Work Practicum (15 semester hours)
SW 591 Field Education Experience I .................................................................... 3
SW 592 Field Education Experience II ................................................................... 4
SW 595 or SW 597 Field Education Experience III .................................................. 4
SW 596 or SW 598 Field Education Experience IV ................................................... 4

MS Gerontology Classroom Credits (30 semester hours)
GER 510 Concepts and Issues in Gerontology ....................................................... 3
GER 511 Ethics in Management ............................................................................. 3
GER 520/PSY 540 Psychological Perspectives on Aging ........................................ 3
GER 525 Aging Changes and Health .................................................................... 3
GER 527 Gerontological Services Administration ............................................... 3
GER 528 Administration of Long-Term Care .......................................................... 3
GER 529 Planning Health Care Services for the Elderly .......................................... 3
GER 555 Professional Contribution ....................................................................... 0
HSA 520 Introduction to Health Services Administration ....................................... 3
HSA 537 Managerial Decision Making in Health Care Organizations ................ 3
HSA 538 Institutional Budgeting and Planning ..................................................... 3

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