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Bachelor of Social Science (Gerontology)

TAFE articulated program

What is Gerontology?
If you want to pursue a rewarding career where you can give back to your community and assist in improving the quality of life for others, then a career in gerontology could be for you. Gerontology is the study of the ageing processes and individuals as they grow from middle-age through later life. It includes:

- the study of physical, mental and social changes in older people as they age
- the investigation of the changes in society resulting from our ageing population
- the application of this knowledge to policies and programs.

What is CSU's Bachelor of Social Science (Gerontology)?
CSU's Bachelor of Social Science (Gerontology) is an articulated program that prepares students for careers in aged care. It is designed for students who have an existing TAFE Diploma in a related area and are interested in changing careers, or those who work in the industry but wish to upgrade their formal qualification from a TAFE diploma to a degree to enhance their career opportunities.

Why study CSU's Bachelor of Social Science (Gerontology)?
This program offers students an education in ageing as a life stage, examining the challenges and issues of ageing within the context of a social model of health, human rights and individual and community development.

As a gerontology student, you will explore the diverse ways individuals and groups in our community experience ageing. You will critically examine the various biological, social, cultural, medical, political, economic and organisational factors that shape our health system and the experience of ageing in contemporary Australia.

Career opportunities
This degree provides an area of specialisation for those working with older people in the social welfare field. Graduates will be equipped with the skills and knowledge required to work directly with the elderly or in related fields such as policy development. There are employment opportunities working at the interface between people and their environments in a range of settings from hospitals to local councils, social welfare agencies, or within their own businesses.

Graduates will have opportunities to develop and extend their thinking in areas related to life stage, direct care, health promotion, service management, advocacy, mental health and dementia care, social research and policy making.

Career opportunities include:
- aged care policy development
- professional practice in health and human services with older people
- leadership positions in aged care services
- health promotion and community development
- social research.

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Credit
Students who have successfully completed a related two-year TAFE Diploma will be eligible for 96 points or 1.5 years full-time equivalent credit towards CSU's Bachelor of Social Science (Gerontology).

Admission requirements
Students applying for this course should have completed one of the following two-year TAFE Diplomas:
- Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol and Other Drugs)
- Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol and Other Drugs and Mental Health)
- Diploma of Community Services (Case Management)
- Diploma of Community Services (Financial Counselling)
- Diploma of Community Services (Mental Health)
- Diploma of Community Services Work
- Diploma of Community Development
- Diploma of Counselling
- Diploma of Disability
- Diploma of Leisure and Health
- Diploma of Nursing
Note: Some Diplomas are not two years full-time equivalent. Please check with the Course Director for acceptability.

Further information
For more information or to apply, visit: www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/gerontology