



# MASTER OF GERONTOLOGY GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GERONTOLOGY

> **Why study Gerontology?**

Do you want to be a leader in supporting the health and well being of our ageing population?

Providing health and aged care services for older people is increasingly in demand, making gerontology a strong career choice for health practitioners.

> **Why study Gerontology at CSU?**

Studying gerontology at CSU is designed to provide you with the specialist knowledge you need to promote the health and well being of older people.

You will explore ways in which individuals and groups in our community experience ageing and how you can support their health and participation in their communities.

The course is designed so you can critically examine the various biological, social, cultural, medical, political, economic and organisational factors that shape our health system and the experience of ageing in Australia.

Subjects include key areas such as communication in dementia care, interdisciplinary leadership in aged care, end of life and palliative care, examination of policy in health and ageing, and health promotion with older people in our communities.

The Master of Gerontology offers you the choice to study from one of two streams:

Professional Practice: which will provide you with specialty skills and knowledge to enhance your work in direct care and/or clinical health practice with older people

Research and Policy: which will enable you to focus on policy analysis and development and prepare you for practice based research and/or higher degree study via research.

You will have the opportunity to apply what you are learning directly to scenarios in your workplace, with guidance and support from experienced and dedicated professionals and clinicians. You can be assured that you will gain a high quality education from Australia's leading provider of online education.

**Some reasons for studying Gerontology at CSU:**

You can complete four subjects and graduate with a Graduate Certificate qualification.

You can become a leader in this growing industry and shape the future services for our ageing population.

You can study online at a time and place that suits your lifestyle.



The Master of Gerontology has provided me with a broader perspective on many aspects of Gerontology whilst allowing me the flexibility to work at my own pace and maintain my life balance.

Through my learning, I obtained further knowledge and skills to provide optimal service and better understand the current gerontological health environment. This has greatly assisted my workplace and my clients in allowing me to further enhance the knowledge and skills of other health professionals. Additionally, the knowledge acquired through this course was a great foundation to obtaining recognition through the Australian Physiotherapy Association as a Titled Gerontological Physiotherapist.

**Peter Sirr**  
Master of Gerontology graduate

## About CSU

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## Career opportunities

As a graduate you will be a specialist in ageing and health within your profession – be that nursing, allied health, social work, human services, aged care or service management.

Career opportunities include:

- a Leadership position in a hospital or in aged care services
- a Specialist Clinical Practitioner in your profession e.g. Gerontological Physiotherapist or Dementia and Memory Clinic Specialist
- a Quality Assessor with the Australian Aged Care Quality Agency
- a quality assessment and leadership role in government and non government organisations (NGO's)
- a Health promotion position in aged care services.

## Eligibility

Credit for prior learning and credit for current competencies may be granted to eligible applicants. This course is available to graduates from Bachelor level courses in disciplines such as nursing, allied health, community work, social work and welfare, health science, health administration and public health.

The Graduate Certificate in Gerontology is also available to applicants with a TAFE Diploma, or equivalent, and aged care experience.

## Pathway Option

The Graduate Certificate in Gerontology is a pathway into the Master of Gerontology. You will receive credit for four subjects into the Master of Gerontology upon successful completion of the Graduate Certificate.

## Professional Recognition

The Master of Gerontology is recognised by the Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG) through an annual Award for Excellence for graduates of this program sponsored by AAG (NSW) Division.

## Studying Online

Charles Sturt University is one of the most experienced providers of online education in Australia. Our innovative course delivery uses the latest technology to connect you with your lecturers and fellow students. You will have access to our comprehensive communication systems, online forums, wikis, blogs, podcasts and library resources.

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