



Health Sciences Career and Academic Pathways (CAPs) Program Map: Certificate of Achievement for Gerontology/Health

Total number of units: 16.5 units

Top Code/Academic Plan: 1309.01

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Semester 1	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	HLTHOCC 064	Cultural and Legal Topics for Healthcare Professionals	1	Students may be eligible to earn 2 certificates in 1-2 semesters. If interested, please contact the department for details. This is a Health Service Careers Foundational Certificate core course.	This class is available online, and it is offered in short term 8 week sessions.
Program Course	HLTHOCC 065	Fundamentals for the Healthcare Professional	2.5	This is a Health Service Careers Foundational Certificate core course.	This class is available online, and it is offered in short term 8 week sessions.
Program Course	FAM & CS 021	Nutrition	3	This course meets CSU Area E requirements.	

Total Units 6.5

Semester 2	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	HLTHOCC 062	Skill Set for the Healthcare Professional	2	This is a Health Service Careers Foundational Certificate core course.	This class is available online, and it is offered in short term 8 week sessions.
Program Course	HLTHOCC 063	Basic Medical Terminology, Pathophysiology and Pharmacology for the Healthcare Professional	2	This is a Health Service Careers Foundational Certificate core course. You may be eligible to earn the Health Services Foundational Certificate after completion of this sequence of courses. Talk to your counselor.	This class is available online, and it is offered in short term 8 week sessions.
Program Course	FAM & CS 006	Challenges of Aging	3	This course meets CSU Area E requirements.	This class is available online, and it is offered in short term 8 week sessions.
Program Course	FAM & CS 091	Life Management	3	This course meets CSU Area E requirements.	This class is available online, and it is offered in short term 8 week sessions.

Total Units 10

Degree Path and Requirements:

Degree Path and Requirements: 17 unit certificate.

Students can apply for certificates as soon as the necessary courses are completed. This map cannot replace a meeting with [counselors](#). Students can apply for certificates as soon as the necessary courses are completed. Meet with a counselor and the financial aid office to ensure continued financial aid. Check with [financial aid](#) for eligibility.

Department Advising Notes:

In addition to the four HLTHOCC Core courses students may take three additional courses Family & Consumer Studies (FCS) to receive this stackable Certificate of Achievement.

Program Description

The Gerontology/Health Certificate of Achievement is an interdisciplinary program designed to prepare students to pursue entry level employment servicing the aging population and provide the fundamentals needed to work in the healthcare industry. Professionals can be employed in a variety of settings, including private business, government, nonprofits, and healthcare settings. Gerontology topics include the processes of aging from conception to death, the challenges associated with an aging and aged society, including wellness and nutrition. Biological, sociological, and psychological aspects of aging are explored. Healthcare topics focus on competencies required of healthcare providers, such as HIPAA, Professionalism/ Ethics, Diversity/ Cultural Awareness, Teamwork, Collaboration, and Conflict Resolution, Customer Service, Safe Practice/Infection Control, Medical Terminology, and First Aid Skill Set. The emphasis of this program is to provide quality care and safety to the older-adult and across the continuum of care from wellness to illness. This program is designed to prepare students for employment in the field of aging to support the needs, interests, abilities, and issues of the aging population in California.

Career and Transfer Opportunities

Caregiver, Certified Home Health Aide (CHHA), Certified Medical Aide (CMA), Certified Nurses Aide (CNA), Home Attendant, Home Care Aide, Home Health Aide (HHA), Home Health Provider, Hospice/Home Health Aide, In Home Caregiver. The median annual wage for home health aides was \$24,200 in May 2018. The median wage is the wage at which half the workers in an occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$19,060, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$32,180.

The median annual wage for personal care aides was \$24,020 in May 2018. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$18,740, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$31,650.

In May 2018, the median annual wages for home health aides in the top industries in which they worked were as follows: Nursing care facilities (skilled nursing facilities) \$25,110. Continuing care retirement communities and assisted living facilities for the elderly \$24,600. Residential intellectual and

developmental disability facilities 24,230. Services for the elderly and persons with disabilities \$24,160. Home healthcare services \$23,980. Most aides work full-time, others work part-time. They may be required to work evening and weekend hours in order to attend to clients' needs. Visit the [Transfer Center](#) for transfer information, which varies based on transfer college. Make an appointment with a [counselor](#). Students can visit [Career and Job Services](#) for career counseling and further exploration.

Youtube Videos

[Personal Care Aide](#)

Program Map

A suggested sequence of classes to complete a degree, certificate, or program of study. Students should consult an academic counselor for variations to this plan based on part-time or full-time status, transfer plans, pre-requisites needed, etc.

Prerequisite Course

A specific course that must be completed before advancing to the next course.

Check the online catalog at elac.edu for the latest and most accurate information.

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