



## **“Introduction to Intergenerational Programs”**

STARTING FEBRUARY 2010

An on-line course presented through the  
Generations Together Intergenerational Studies Institute and the  
School of Social Work Continuing Education Program

### **Overview**

This course is an on-line, interactive experience based on the 13-year success of Generations Together Intergenerational Training Institute at the University of Pittsburgh. The course is designed to help you develop skills needed for success in the intergenerational field. Students read course materials, do on-line assignments, discuss the content with fellow students and instructors, and follow step-by-step procedures to complete the individual units.

### **What Are Intergenerational Programs?**

"Intergenerational programs are planned and on going activities that purposefully bring together different generations to share experiences that are mutually beneficial. Typically the programs involve interactions between the young and the old."

-- National Council on Aging (NCOA)

### **Why Are They Important?**

- Intergenerational programs mirror the way the world is. Knowing how various generations relate to each other is an essential component of cultural and social understanding.
- Intergenerational programs reflect the dynamics and interactions of generations in communities and families.
- Intergenerational programs address some fundamental issues in community revitalization, family relationships, and understanding of how people of different generations interact and positively affect each other.
- Intergenerational programs are appropriate for study in multiple disciplines, such as gerontology, human/community development, education, communication, sociology, and public policy --disciplines that focus on understanding human interaction and the value of treating all generations with mutual respect and dignity.
- The study of intergenerational programs is attracting interest in many countries across the world as we address social, demographic and economic changes from a global perspective.

### **Who is this course for?**

This course is for professionals, practitioners, administrators, teachers and faculty, program developers, policy makers, and researchers who are concerned with how cross generational dynamics contribute to mutual understanding and the development of positive and meaningful roles of all generations in society.

### **Participants are eligible for:**

- Certificate of Completion for the Intergenerational Studies On-line course
- Continuing Education: 30 hours (Social Work). School of Social Work will issue a Certificate.

**Course goals:** This user-friendly course will enable you to:

- Explain the rationale for intergenerational programs as a social intervention model
- Formulate a plan for an intergenerational program
- Develop a process to engage community support for intergenerational programming
- Develop the basic skills to implement intergenerational program components
- Recruit, train, and manage participants and staff in intergenerational programming
- Evaluate an intergenerational program.

### **Course units**

- Foundations of Intergenerational Programs
- Developing Program Goals
- Evaluating Programs
- Recruitment
- Preparing Staff for the Intergenerational Exchange
- An International Perspective
- Conclusion

**Duration:** 13 weeks

**On-Line Orientation\*:**

February 1 - February 6, 2010

**Course Schedule\*\*:**

February 8 - May 8, 2010

**CE Fee:** \$350\* + (\$40.00 text)



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\* **On-Line Orientation** -- Students will complete a short orientation on-line prior to the actual start of the first unit of the course. The orientation may be completed any time in the week prior to the actual start of the course. The orientation will cover:

- Using the course website.
- Using discussion boards and email functions.
- Accessing readings and references.
- Receiving CE hours and completion certificates.

\*\* **Course Schedule** -- The course is designed to be 13 weeks of instruction. Each unit is scheduled for a 2-week timeframe, when individual faculty will be available for their particular units. A final week is for conclusion and wrap-up.

#### **For application/registration:**

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#### **For course information:**

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**Toll Free Number: 1-866-216-1223**  
 \*Academic, non-degree credit options are available,  
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#### Course Instructors:

The course faculty brings a wealth of real-life, hands-on, practical and academic experience working with intergenerational programs. The faculty is experienced in intergenerational work and is eager to help you move forward and become a member of a growing population of professionals working in this rewarding field.

**Sally Newman**  
 Emerita Professor  
 Founding Director, Generations Together  
 Social Work and Education Faculty  
 Researcher at University Center for Social and  
 Urban Research (UCSUR)  
 University of Pittsburgh

**Cathy Tompkins**  
 Associate Professor  
 Director of the Undergraduate Social Work Program  
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 Associate Professor and Department Head  
 Department of Human Development  
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**Mariano Sanchez**  
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 Intergenerational Network  
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