



Intergenerational Specialist Certificate
offered through the
School of Social Work Continuing Education Program
in partnership with the
Generations Together Intergenerational Studies Program

The Intergenerational Specialist Certificate is offered as a 100-hour certificate for those seeking to learn and lead intergenerational programming in a range of community and organizational settings. This training initiative continues a long-standing collaboration between Generations Together and the School of Social Work to enhance professional development and applied work in this field. This certificate requires completion of three components:

1. Completing the ***Introduction to Intergenerational Programs*** online course through the University of Pittsburgh that can be taken for either academic credit or continuing education hours - this 13-week online course is generally offered fall and spring terms through the School of Social Work Continuing Education Program. Please see page 2 of this document for course informational flyer. (30 hours)
2. Participating in a ***national or international conference*** on intergenerational programs or a strongly related field – these must be approved by the Generations Together Intergenerational Studies Program. A conference report must be filed with Generations Together to recognize this work. (up to 20 hours)
3. Fulfilling an ***Intergenerational Portfolio Project*** under the review and guidance of Generations Together and other designated faculty – this portfolio project will involve development and implementation of an intergenerational program, as well as the assessment of this project and its impact on your learning and applied knowledge on intergenerational programming. A portfolio document will be submitted to Generations Together and designated faculty for review and approval of fulfillment. (up to 50 hours).

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“Introduction to Intergenerational Programs”

Starting September 7 2009

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*:

September 7 – September 12, 2009

Course Schedule**:

September 13 – December 12, 2009

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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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.

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