

Gerontology-Based Therapeutic Recreation: Certificate

Intakes for this program have been postponed indefinitely.

Faculty of Community And Health Studies	kpu.ca/health
Implementation Date	01-Sep-2011
Start Date(s)	September May
Admission Type	Selective entry
Enrolment Type	Limited enrolment
Program Type	Undergraduate
Credential Granted	Certificate
Offered At	Langley
Format	Full-time
How to Apply	www.kpu.ca/admission

DESCRIPTION

Graduates of the Gerontology-Based Therapeutic Recreation (GBTR) program will apply theoretical and practical knowledge of gerontology, therapeutic recreation and recreation and leisure programming in the community, senior day centres and long-term care settings. Students in the full-time program will graduate after three semesters. Graduates can ladder into select diploma programs at Douglas College and Lethbridge Community College.

The GBTR program is part of the Education, Community, and Health specialties initiative that provides students the opportunity to study with students in other programs. These programs include: Special Education Teacher Assistant (SETA), Community Support Worker (CSW), Home Support/Resident Care Attendant (HS/RCA) and the GBTR program. Students from all four programs will take core courses under the acronym ECHS. In addition Students from the GBTR program will also take program specific courses.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates are highly sought after and readily obtain employment. The graduates work in a variety of settings (assisted living, long-term care, special care, community support, adult day centres, parks and recreation for seniors) as a frontline practitioner in therapeutic recreation for seniors. Graduates are prepared to function collaboratively as members of a multi-disciplinary health care team.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to KPU's General university admission requirements including the undergraduate-level English Proficiency Requirement, the following program admission requirements apply.

- Attendance at an information session
- Immunization consistent with the requirements of clinical agencies

- Completion of 50 volunteer hours within a gerontology based recreation setting (adult day centre, extended care facility, assisted living)
- Two supportive employment/volunteer letters of recommendation from persons in a responsible position (excluding family)
- A valid Canadian CPR Level C must be completed prior to first practicum
- A criminal record search completed within three months prior to enrolling in the program
- If you are not a Canadian citizen, you are required to secure a Criminal Record Search with the Vulnerable Sector from your country of origin. This requirement is in addition to the Canadian Criminal Record Search with Vulnerable Sector through your application with the College of Registered Nurses of BC. Please note that your Criminal Record Search must be mailed directly from the issuing agency to Kwantlen Polytechnic University Admissions.

Students in the Gerontology-Based Therapeutic Recreation Program are required to demonstrate the ability to perform a variety of cognitive, emotional and psycho-motor skills safely and knowledgeably.

Students with cognitive or physical impairments, who may require program or practicum accommodations, should contact the program coordinator to discuss required skills and competencies at 604.599.3331, and a Disability Advisor at 604.599.3233 to ensure appropriate accommodations can be arranged.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

All of:

CMNS 1216	Writing for the Specialized Workplace 1	1.5 credits
CMNS 1217	Writing for the Specialized Workplace 2	1.5 credits
ECHS 1112	Interpersonal Communications I	1 credit
ECHS 1212	Interpersonal Communications II	1.5 credits
ECHS 1125	Principles of Observation	1.5 credits
ECHS 1135	Essentials to Person-Centered Practice	3 credits
GBTR 1100	Introduction to Aging	3 credits
GBTR 1111	Facets of Aging	3 credits
GBTR 1120	Program Planning and Design	3 credits
GBTR 1130	Introduction to Fitness for Seniors	1.5 credits
GBTR 1200	Identity and Dementia	2 credits
GBTR 1210	Programming for people with dementia	2 credits
GBTR 1235	Recreation Assessment and Planning	3 credits
GBTR 1241	Valuing Ethnicity and Diversity	2 credits
GBTR 1250	Practicum 1	2 credits
GBTR 1255	Practicum 2	2 credits

Note: GBRC 1090, an access course, is available for graduates of the Activity Coordinator Program previously offered at Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

OTHER INFORMATION

Costs

Student loans are available. A non-refundable deposit of \$350.00 required. Additional student and administrative fees apply to this program. Fees are subject to change without notice.

CREDENTIAL AWARDED

Upon successful completion of this program, students are eligible to receive a **Certificate in Gerontology-Based Therapeutic Recreation**.