

Course of Study for Full-Time 12-Month Advanced Standing Program –
COSA: COSA-Gerontology Certificate
(Advanced Standing Credits Awarded: 21 Credits - 6 Practicum Credits & 15 Class Credits)

Term	Subject/Course	Course Title	Credits
Fall	SWCOSA 2084	Human Service Orgnz Mgt (<i>Specialization</i>)	3
Fall	SWCOSA 2086	Hum Res.,Suprvsn, Fincl (<i>Sp. Skill Elective</i>)	3
Fall	SWCOSA 2096	Comm Plan/Dev(<i>Sp. Skill Elective; see Note</i>)	3
Fall	Elective	Elective (<i>see Note</i>)	3
Fall	SWCOSA 2099	COSA Practicum	<u>3</u>
			15
Spring	SWCOSA 2088	Community Organizing (<i>Specialization</i>)	3
Spring	SWBEH 2008	HB: Urban Environment (<i>2nd Level HB</i>)	3
Spring	SWBEH 2077	HB: Adult Development & Aging ¹ (<i>Elective</i>)	3
Spring	SWWEL 2039	Social Policy & Gerontology ² (<i>2nd Level Social Welfare</i>)	3
Spring	SWCOSA 2099	COSA Practicum	<u>3</u>
			15
Summer	SWRES 2041	COSA Advanced Applied Research (<i>2nd Level Research</i>)	3
Summer	SWCOSA 2099	COSA Practicum	<u>6</u>
			9

¹ Serves as an Elective course

² Fulfills the 2nd-level Social Welfare requirement in lieu of SWWEL 2087

NOTE:
Other COSA-Gerontology Certificate Requirements

Students must complete two gerontology-related electives:

- One of the two gerontology-related electives must be a COSA skill elective course (SWCOSA) where the student completes a project or assignment with a gerontology focus.
- The other gerontology-related elective can be:
 - Another COSA skill elective (SWCOSA) in which the student completes a project or assignment with a gerontology focus;
 - A gerontology elective course offered as part of the [University Certificate in Gerontology](#), a certificate administered by the University Center for Social & Urban Research (UCSUR). Offerings may vary and include courses from various schools/departments in the University. Students selecting this option would use these three credits to fulfill an elective requirement for the MSW. [Please see the website for current options UCSUR \(@PittCSUR\) - Graduate Certificate in Gerontology.](#)
 - A course relevant to practice in aging that is not part of the UCSUR-administered gerontology certificate may be taken if approved by the Certificate Chairperson in advance.

For the two gerontology-related electives, [students will submit to the Gerontology Certificate Chairperson a form with information about the assignment and topic.](#)

COSA Gerontology Elective Form

For each course you are taking to serve as gerontology-related elective, you must complete this form and submit it to the Gerontology Certificate Chairperson. For School of Social Work Courses (you must take one of these), provide information about the assignment related to aging. These courses include:

- SWCOSA 2040 Grant Proposal Writing
- SWCOSA 2090 Working w/ Group & Intergroup Relations
- SWCOSA 2096 Community Planning and Development

Name _____

Faculty Advisor _____

Course (check the specific course)

- _____ SWCOSA 2040 Grant Proposal Writing
- _____ SWCOSA 2090 Working w/ Group & Intergroup Relations
- _____ SWCOSA 2096 Community Planning and Development
- _____ Course outside SSW (list) _____

For SSW courses, briefly describe the specific assignment and how your specific topical focus will be on some aspect of gerontology.

Submit to Rafael J. Engel via email, rengel@pitt.edu