

GERONTOLOGY ACTIVITY PROFESSIONAL CAREER PATHWAY (See Activity Professionals at www.pcc.edu/ger)

The three Certificates in the Gerontology Activity Professional Career Pathway are designed to prepare students for certification by the National Certification Council of Activity Professionals, the certifying body of the National Association of Activity Professionals. Students can earn any of the three certificates individually, or combine Activity Professional courses with other Career Pathways Certificates or the Associate of Applied Science Degree. These short-term, job-related Certificates include courses required for the AAS degree, so students can pursue immediate employment, while continuing to advance toward the AAS degree, which in turn articulates with a Bachelor level degree.

Gerontology Activity Assistant Certificate of Completion – 24 credits

Course #	Course Title	Credits
GRN181	Exploring the Field of Aging	2
WR 121	English Composition	4
SOC223	Sociology of Aging:	4
HE250 or HPE295	Personal Health or Health and Fitness for Life	3
GRN165	Basic Activity Director Training	2
GRN265	Activity Professional Training I	3
GRN280B	Gerontology Internship Seminar	1
GRN280A	CE: Gerontology Internship	4*
GRN282	Gerontology Professional Seminar	1
Total		24 credits

*Up to three credits waived for prior, related work experience (70 hours for each credit)

- Work as an activity professional requires CPR certification.
- Eligibility for the NCCAP Activity Assistant Certified designation requires completion of 20 related CEUs + 2000 working hours within last 5 years.

Gerontology Activity Director Certificate of Completion – 36 credits

Course #	Course Title	Credits
GRN181	Exploring the Field of Aging	2
WR 121	English Composition	4
SOC223	Sociology of Aging	4
SOC231	Sociology of Health & Aging	4
SOC232	Death & Dying	4
HE250 or HPE295	Personal Health or Health and Fitness for Life	3
GRN165	Basic Activity Director Training	2
GRN265	Activity Professional Training 1	3
GRN266	Activity Professional Training 2	3
GRN280B	Gerontology Internship Seminar	1
GRN280A	CE: Gerontology Internship	5*
GRN282	Gerontology Professional Seminar	1
Total		36 credits

*Up to three credits waived for prior, related work experience (70 hours for each credit).

- Work as an activity professional requires CPR certification.
- Eligibility for the NCCAP Activity Director Certified designation requires completion of 30 CEUs + 6000 working hours within last 5 years.

Gerontology Activity Consultant Certificate of Completion – 21 credits

Course #	Course Title	Credits
SOC223	Sociology of Aging	4
SOC230	Intro to Gerontology	4
GRN165	Basic Activity Director Training	2
GRN265	Activity Professional Training 1	3
GRN266	Activity Professional Training 2	3
GRN280A	CE: Gerontology Internship	4*
GRN282	Gerontology Professional Seminar	1
Total		21 credits

*Up to three credits waived for prior, related work experience (70 hours for each credit).

- Work as an activity professional requires CPR certification.

- Eligibility for the NCCAP Activity Consultant Certified designation requires a Bachelor's or Master's Degree in a related area (like health, recreation, gerontology, psychology, sociology, with coursework reflecting the categories of the NCCAP Body of Knowledge), and completion of 200 hours consulting experience within the last 3 years, 40 CEU hours within the past 5 years, and 2000 hours activity experience within the last 5 years with a Master's Degree or 4000 hours activity experience within the last 5 years with a Bachelor's Degree.

See the National Certification Council of Activity Professionals <http://www.nccap.org> for requirements and procedures for the three certification levels.

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