



**COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH  
REVISION OF EXISTING DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

Name of program	Post Graduate Certificate of Gerontology
Department or School or College	School of Nursing

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Indicate type(s) of revision:
<input type="checkbox"/> Change in catalog description
<input type="checkbox"/> Change in course requirements
<input type="checkbox"/> Add/modify/delete subarea
<input type="checkbox"/> Change in total credit hours
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delete program
<input type="checkbox"/> Other(s) describe

Consult with SCHEV liaison regarding SCHEV reporting or review	<input type="checkbox"/> not needed <input type="checkbox"/> report as simple modification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> submit proposal for approval as a substantial modification
Consult with SACS liaison regarding SACS reporting or review	<input type="checkbox"/> not needed <input type="checkbox"/> submit letter of notifications <input type="checkbox"/> submit substantive change prospectus



**Proposal Description with Rationale:** Include the current language and use track changes to indicate proposed changes. Explain why the change is desired.

#### Proposed Intent to Discontinue

Radford University is discontinuing the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Gerontology (CIP code: 30.1101).

#### Background

In November 2014, the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) adopted gerontology competencies for undergraduate and graduate education. These competencies were designed to unify approaches to the discipline of gerontology. The School of Nursing, located in the Waldron College of Health and Human Services at Radford University initiated a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Gerontology spring 2016 that addressed the competencies. The purpose of the Graduate Gerontology Certificate is to prepare individuals to meet the growing needs, in multiple disciplines, of an aging population that they may serve in the future. The program is designed for graduate students wishing to work in the field of gerontology/aging or community members wishing to expand their career options within a gerontology focus.

The availability of this certificate and the curriculum however did not attract any students. No student ever enrolled for the certificate.

#### Rationale

In the four years during which the post-baccalaureate certificate has been available and in the Graduate College catalog no student has enrolled. A decision therefore has been made to discontinue this certificate and remove it from the Radford University degree inventory.

#### Critical Shortage

This post-baccalaureate certificate is not in a critical shortage area.

#### Teach-out Plan

No new students are currently enrolled. No new students will be enrolled.

#### Stopped-out Students

No students are “stopped-out” of the certificate program.



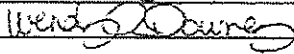
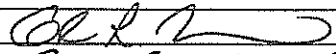


Approval/recommendation pathway:

Department Curriculum Committee (if for one discipline)  
College Curriculum Committee  
College Dean  
Academic Course and Program Review  
Graduate Affairs Council  
Faculty Senate (recommendation)  
Provost  
SCHEV if required  
SACS if required

Instructions:

- Indicate the type of change in the current degree program that is requested. The proposal can include more than one change in a program.
- Consult with the SCHEV liaison to determine if the proposed program revision would require notifying SCHEV of the change or SCHEV approval. The current SCHEV liaison is George Santopietro, Assistant Provost for Academic Operations, [gsantopi@radford.edu](mailto:gsantopi@radford.edu) x5460.
- Consult with the SACS liaison to determine if the proposed program revision would require notifying SACS of the change or SACS approval. The current SACS liaison is Sandra Baker, Director of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Quality Improvement, [sbaker10@radford.edu](mailto:sbaker10@radford.edu) x5792.
- Attach graduate proposal signature page.

Approval/Recommendation Signature Sheet for Graduate Curriculum Proposals

Signature	Title	Date
	Department Curriculum Committee Chair	9/11/2020
	Department Chair (on behalf of faculty)	
	College Curriculum Committee Chair	9/11/20
	College Dean	10/14/20
	Graduate College Dean (on behalf of the Graduate Affairs Council)	10/12/2020
For new majors and certificates:		
	Library Liaison	
For new or discontinued majors, minors, certificates, concentrations, options or significant changes in program requirements:		
	Faculty Senate President following review by the Faculty Senate	
	Provost and VP for Academic Affairs	
For proposals going to BOV, SCHEV and/or SACSCOC:		
	President	
	Board of Visitors approval date	
	SCHEV approval date	
	SACSCOC approval date	
	Entered into catalog by Graduate College	