



**SINGAPORE UNIVERSITY
OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**S R NATHAN SCHOOL OF
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

**PhD/MASTER'S/GRADUATE DIPLOMA
GERONTOLOGY**



Programme Overview

The rapidly ageing population in Singapore and concomitant need for trained professionals in the health, social and psychological services have given rise to an imperative need for graduate programmes in gerontology. As the needs of older persons are specialised, dedicated attention within the training to address specific characteristics such as the ageing process demands for interdisciplinary courses in gerontology.

SUSS offers flexible entry and exit points to suit different academic needs. One can choose to take certain gerontology courses on their own, or build them up to a Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Master of Gerontology, subject to meeting the necessary requirements. There is also a PhD in Gerontology programme for those who wish to pursue a doctoral degree in gerontology. SUSS's Master of Gerontology, with Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and PhD options, is the first in Singapore to offer holistic training for a rewarding career in the eldercare sector. Graduates from the programme will have acquired advanced knowledge and skills to be leaders and consultants in the field of gerontology. They will be prepared to perform challenging roles and functions in both government and private sectors.

Unique Features of the Programme

- Enrol for any standalone module of your interest
- Exciting array of modules and range of lecturers from local and overseas contexts
- Blend of theoretical and practical teaching modes
- Flexible enrolment by individual modules for credits

Most importantly, what distinguishes the programme from others are that:

- there are frequent tie-ups with industry partners which can help students establish valuable networks;
- students are often informed of industry activities and even have a chance to be involved in them due to our amicable relationships with our partners;
- students are able to do various applied projects to solve the community issues together with our partners; and
- students are able to attend international dialogues with scholars and practitioners who are passionate about ageing matters.

Whom is this for?

The programme is for professionals in the eldercare industry such as social workers, nurses, occupational and physiotherapists, counsellors and managers. It is also suitable for those who wish to switch careers and enter the eldercare/silver industry.

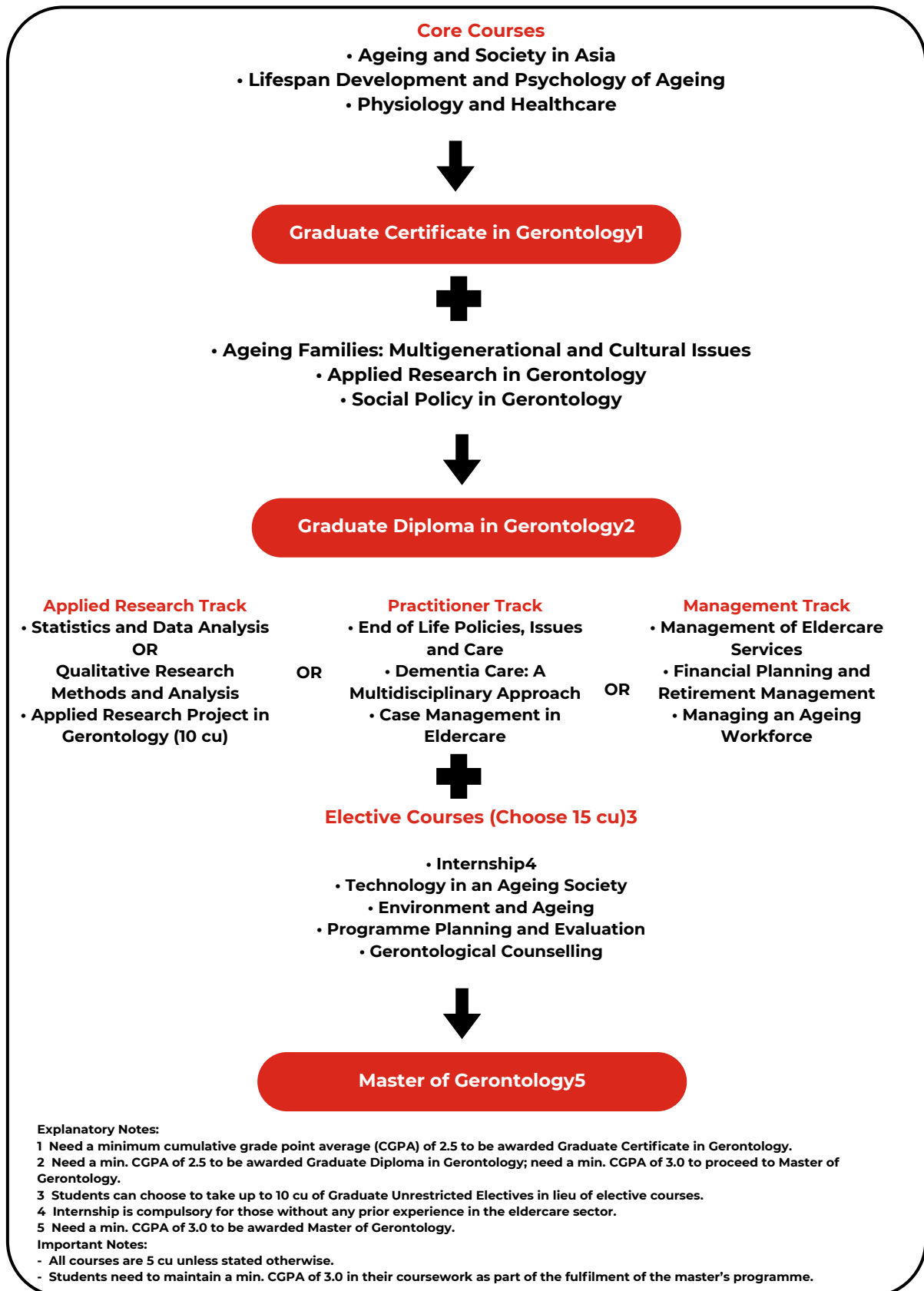
Career Prospects

The programme is recognised by the Ministry of Social and Family Development, National Council of Social Service, Ministry of Health, Gerontological Society and Workforce Development Agency. Graduates can apply for positions in government, statutory boards, profit and not-for-profit agencies and eldercare services.



Graduate Certificate | Graduate Diploma | Master's Gerontology

Modular and Stackable Programme Structure



For more information on our Master of Gerontology, please visit suss.edu.sg/MGER

PhD in Gerontology

Modular and Stackable Programme Structure

Core Courses

- Ageing and Society in Asia
- Lifespan Development and Psychology of Ageing
- Physiology and Healthcare
- Social Policy in Gerontology



Research Methodology Courses

- Applied Research in Gerontology
- Statistics and Data Analysis OR
Qualitative Research Methods and Analysis



Intensive Academic Training

- Advanced Topics in Gerontology (10cu)



Qualifying Examination



Confirmed as PhD Candidate



Data Collection, Analysis and Writing of Dissertation



Dissertation Submission about 3 years upon confirmation



Dissertation Examination and Oral Defence



PhD in Gerontology

Important Notes:

- It is recommended for applicants without gerontology background to complete the Graduate Diploma in Gerontology before studying PhD in Gerontology
- All courses are 5 cu unless stated otherwise.
- Students need to maintain a min. CGPA of 3.0 in their coursework as part of the fulfilment of the PhD programme.
- The courses listed are subject to change.

For more information on our PhD in Gerontology, please visit suss.edu.sg/PHDGER

Messages from Our Alumni



“ I am grateful to SUSS for it has equipped me with the skill sets to understand gerontology as a science and art through practice, and an art and science through research. Its balanced approach on life course and bio-psychosocial understanding of ageing has enriched my caregiving journey. It was a natural choice to study in SUSS given its strong gerontology faculty, the learning environment and support that made my gerontological study ever so enjoyable and meaningful. ”

MR TAN TAI KIAT, Chief Operating Officer, Singhealth Community Hospitals

“ The programme facilitated deep reflection on how we can better create meaningful environments that nurture our seniors to age well and holistically. It is heartening to know that with collective effort, the right tools and network, we can reverse trends such as chronic illnesses and face the future with much optimism. I am proud to be a part of the alumni network as we work closely to solve issues and serve the community lovingly and impactfully. ”

MS DEAN NG, Co-Founder, The Affirmative People



“ The multidisciplinary approach in the curriculum has enriched my worldviews to look at issues with a more holistic perspective. I am applying what I have learnt in my current work at ActiveSG to promote healthy ageing and to encourage Singaporeans to lead an active lifestyle and transform our Singaporean Spirit together! ”

MR SNG HOCK LIN, Chief, Silver Generation Office, Agency for Integrated Care (AIC)

“ SUSS’ Master of Gerontology programme was nothing short of enriching and meaningful. The interdisciplinary, research-driven, and applied nature of pedagogy spearheaded by esteemed faculty members was pivotal in deepening my understanding of ageing issues across the systemic, familial, and individual levels. Learning alongside colleagues from diverse backgrounds across the people, private and public sectors enabled rich discourses to transpire. ”

MR ARAVIINTHANSAI S/O SUBRAMANIAM, Research Associate, Geriatric Education & Research Institute (GERI)



“ One of the most enriching aspects of the programme is the opportunity to meet a network of individuals passionate about improving the industry’s standards – lecturers, peers, and alumni alike. Collaborating with this dedicated and diverse group has expanded my perspective, and continues to be a source of inspiration long beyond graduation! ”

MS YONG YOKE KAY, Senior Client Success Manager, Altera Digital Health

“ Gerontology research track at SUSS has been a unique experience. The curriculum provided a deep understanding of aging and its implications across spheres ranging from physiological, psychological, to economic and government & policy making. The collaborative environment within the program was a highlight, fostering meaningful connections with likeminded peers and widening my perspective about the field. ”

MR HARSH SAXENA, Investment Analyst, Tantallon Capital Advisors



Admission Criteria

Applicants must possess an undergraduate degree or an equivalent qualification from a recognised institution. For SUSS graduate programmes that are conducted in the English Language, you must meet the English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELPR)* if your undergraduate degree is not awarded by an English-medium university, or your undergraduate degree is awarded by an English-medium university but the language of instruction was not English.

* at least an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5, or a TOEFL score of 580 (paper-based) or 85 (internet-based), or a PTE Academic score of 58, or C1 Advanced score of 180 [score must be obtained within the last 2 years at point of application].

Applicants with an undergraduate degree that was conducted in English but awarded by a non-English medium university must produce an official letter from the university to certify as such in order to seek waiver of the ELPR requirement.

In addition, you will need to meet these minimum requirements for the **PhD in Gerontology** programme:

- A bachelor's degree, preferably with a second class honours and above in a relevant discipline from a reputable university or equivalent qualification; and
- A master's degree or its equivalent; and
- A minimum of two years of work experience

Applicants are also required to furnish the below documents when applying for the programme:

- A latest CV;
- A proposed topic or area of research stating the following – 4,000 words(exclude the references):
 - *Proposed topic or area of research;
 - *Identified potential supervisor (if any);
 - *Motivation for the proposed topic or area of research, and
 - *Relevance of the proposed topic or area of research in addressing contemporary issues/challenges in the profession/industry/society.
- A personal statement stating your motivation for pursuing a PhD, reason for selecting SUSS and your post PhD career aspirations – 500 words;
- Two academic reference letters. Referees are required to submit the reference letters directly to the Student Admissions department at admissions@suss.edu.sg.
- and any other relevant supplementary materials in the application for admissions (e.g educational qualifications)

This programme is open to Singapore citizens and permanent residents, as well as international students.

Tuition Fees

The amount of course fees you pay in each semester depends on the number of courses you take in that semester. The course fees cover all study materials, classes, tutor supervision, assignments and examinations. They do not include fees for textbooks and other additional items specified by SUSS from time to time.

All fees are reviewed annually and may be revised. SUSS reserves the right to adjust the fees without prior notice.

Funding and Sponsorships Schemes

VCF funding is available for Singaporeans and Permanent Residents who are from NCSS member SSAs and MSF-funded SSAs. To apply for VCF Funding, please visit the NCSS website. Interested SSA staff can be advised to apply for VCF under non pre-approval on a case-by-case basis.

Outstanding students enrolled in the PhD in Gerontology and Master of Gerontology programmes may also apply for the Alice Lim Memorial Fund sponsorship, amongst others.

Applicants from health-related organisations should check with their respective organisations and health clusters for possible sponsorship.

For SkillsFuture funding, please go to www.myskillsfuture.sg.

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