Common Course Outline
HUSC 103
Introduction to Elder Care
3 Credits

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

HUSC 103 – Introduction to Elder Care examines the many facets of care and housing of the elderly; covers the evolution of elder care and provides the foundation to analyze issues such as social, economic, and political environments, as well as credentialing, insurance, and reimbursement.

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Prerequisites: None

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:
1. describe the history of care of the elderly in America;
2. identify the different segments of the elder care population;
3. differentiate between institutional and non-institutional care;
4. discuss the long-term care continuum;
5. outline the impact of the Affordable Care Act on long-term care;
6. compare the housing options available to the elderly;
7. describe the care options available to the elderly;
8. discuss the ethical issues in elder care;
9. recognize the reimbursement issues confronting the care provider;
10. examine the cultural issues affecting older adults in the U.S. among diverse populations;
11. identify community and regulatory resources; and
12. explain the credentialing and staffing of various types of facilities.

Major Topics
   I. History of elder care in America
  II. Aging trends
 III. Affordable Care Act
  IV. Institutional care
   V. Non-institutional care
  VI. Nursing facilities
 VII. Subacute and post-acute care
VIII. Assisted living
  IX. Senior housing
   X. Community-based services

XI. Elder abuse
XII. Regulations credentialing
XIII. Staffing of facilities
XIV. Management of facilities
XV. Aging in place
XVI. Multicultural diversity
XVII. Occupations/careers
XVIII. Future trends

Course Requirements

Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

Grading/exams
A minimum of two exams.
A reflection paper outlining a service learning assignment, minimum 2-page length
A minimum of one research assignment, minimum 4-page length

Written Assignments: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources.

Other Course Information
This course is a program elective in the Human Services Counseling degree program, and may also be taken by students in other programs or majors.

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