



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

Objectives for the GRN 596 Graduate Gerontology Internship

The purpose of the internship is to provide a practicum experience in Gerontology in the student's selected setting. Emphasis is on the experiential learning process and outcomes. The undergraduate student will apply theoretical concepts in specific areas of interest related to aging and intergenerational relationships.

The Field supervisor will plan activities to achieve the objectives of the internship and meet current needs of the agency. The student will register for the appropriate internship GRN 596 or equivalent and desired credit hours (3 or 6). A 3-credit hour internship requires 100 contact hours in the placement; the 6-credit hour internship requires 200 contact hours. The student will:

- 1) Work with the Field Supervisor to plan activities in a selected setting to explore professional goals in Gerontology.
- 2) Practice selected professional roles in gerontological settings
- 3) Explore perceptions of aging and society in the context of the placement.
- 4) Develop an awareness of the linkages among social, educational, and health care institutions in relation to aging and intergenerational relationships and policies.
- 5) Examine the application of theory to practice in selected settings.
- 6) Take a leadership role in coordination of activities; implementation of a research or evaluation project; or administration of programs related to Gerontology (Examples: grant proposal writing, case management, patient navigation),
- 7) Submit a final report on the internship experience during the last week of classes.

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