Program Proposal
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Title of the Program:
Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program

Type of Program Proposal:

___X___ Modification in Existing Program:
- ___ Substantive Change
- ___ Non-Substantive Change
- ___ Deletion of Existing Program

_____ New Programs
  - ___ Initiation (Projection) of New Program on to Master Plan
  - ___ New Degree Programs
    - ___ Regular Process
    - ___ Fast Track Process
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  - ___ New Minor, Concentration, Option, Specialization, Emphasis
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PLEASE NOTE: Form B is to be used only as a Cover Form. Additional information is requested for each of the above as noted in the corresponding procedure in the Policies and Procedures for Initiation, Modification, Review and Approval of Courses and Academic Programs found at [http://www.csus.edu/acaf/univmanual/index.htm](http://www.csus.edu/acaf/univmanual/index.htm)
Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification. This Program was approved by CSUS and implemented through CCE in Fall of 2000 as the Graduate Certificate Program. Four (4) cohort groups completed the Program through CCE; many of whom went on to develop and successfully complete a Special Masters in (Gerontology) degree at CSUS. The goal is to now bring this program to the main campus. This encourages students from multiple disciplines to access the courses as well as now be eligible for scholarships.

The approved six (6) course program included four (4) graduate level courses and two (2) undergraduate level courses. The courses were (respectively) 1.) GER0 200 - Adaptation to Age Related Changes, Illnesses & Caregiving, 2.) GER0 221 - Models for Successful Longevity, 3.) GER0 222 - Physiological and Emotional Disorders in Older Adults, 4.) GER0 295 - Internship/Project, 5.) GER0 101 - Services for Older Adults, and 6.) GER0 102 - Social Policy and Aging. This proposal modifies the original six (6) course pattern to include the alternatives of GER0 103 - Applied Care Management in Gerontology Practice and GER0 299 - Special Problems to better assist students in accessing courses that most closely fit with their education and career goals.

Updated course titles and minor changes addressing currency were made; otherwise there are no substantive changes to the original graduate (or undergraduate) courses. Course change proposals for the two (2) paired courses are included delineating undergraduate and graduate assignments and assessment outcomes as is one for the added GER0 299. Pairing with two (2) undergraduate courses provide opportunities for undergraduates to access the courses and use them as electives in their majors. Adding the opportunity for graduate level independent study will facilitate graduate students’ ability to explore areas unique to their interests and receive graduate credit.

Courses in this Program are the only available ones on campus addressing these areas and would be beneficial for graduate students and selective undergraduate students in all disciplines to take and apply toward their individual areas of study.

Approval:

Department Chair: [Signature] Date: 10-9-07

College Dean: [Signature] Date: 10-19-07

University Committee: Date:

Associate Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs: Date:

8/27/07
Substantive Change Program Proposal for Gerontology Graduate Certificate

The moving of this program from CCE to the CSUS Gerontology Program positively impacts students, Programs, and Departments at Sacramento State. In the Gerontology Program it allows for two (2) graduate courses to be paired with two (2) undergraduate courses to increase the potential elective offerings at the undergraduate level. For other Programs and Departments across campus, bringing the Program "on campus" better facilitates student access to graduate level courses in gerontology that currently do not exist. No negative impact to any other Programs or Departments has been identified.

The fiscal impact of bringing this Certificate Program "on campus" is primarily the cost of faculty. Four (4) of the proposed courses are new to the campus (GERO 200, GERO 221, GERO 222 and GERO 299, and thus would require additional WTU/year. Faculty qualified to teach these courses are currently either the full time interdisciplinary faculty or part time in the Gerontology Program. Two (2) of the courses are proposed to be cross listed GERO 221/121 & 222/122 with new courses in the undergraduate program and while this would require additional faculty to teach these six units, the combined student demand would also be greater, thus assisting in decreasing the fiscal impact.

Three (3) of the six (6) courses (GERO 101, 102, OR 103 - newly proposed course to be included), are already offered on campus once/year for the undergraduate Program and would be accessed at that level, thus creating no fiscal impact. Finally, there would be one (1) course (GERO 299) that would be funded as others are in SSIS.

It is anticipated that the cost (for the 9 WTU) would be approximately $12,000/year and would partially be shared with the undergraduate Program. No increases in library or media resources are anticipated at this time. In the near future, it is anticipated that the (existing) Gerontology Program will need more office space (that is not Nursing’s) and a computer for its part time faculty. Any additional needs of this Graduate Certificate Program will be folded into this request.

It is acknowledged that there may be an impact with regards to space for these classes but as these courses are anticipated to be scheduled as before (during the evenings and weekends) this is not considered to be a great concern.

Dean Scott has concluded these Certificate changes are sound and he supports the additions programmatically and fiscally.
The Gerontology Program seeks to make the following changes in its Graduate Certificate Program.

**Proposed Changes:**

1. Move all previously approved Graduate Certificate Courses from under CCE to the CSUS main campus Gerontology Program
2. Pair/Cross List GERO 221 *Models for Successful Longevity* and GERO 222 *Psychological and Emotional Disorders in Older Adults* (approved) graduate courses with Gero 121 and 122 (newly added, same titles) undergraduate courses
3. The Certificate Program also requests the addition (currently approved for undergraduate program) of GERO 103 *Applied Care Management in Gerontology Practice* to the Graduate Certificate course offerings to allow a substitute for GERO 102 *Social Policy for an Aging Society.*
4. Although not a requirement for the Certificate, we are also requesting the addition of GERO 299: *Special Problems* to facilitate multiple majors in accessing a graduate level independent studies course.
5. GERO 222, 101 and 102 have had name changes (at the undergraduate level) since the original Graduate Program was approved, or have been changed on the current change proposal for the graduate courses.

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October 10, 2007

Cheryl Osborne
Gerontology Program Director
Sacramento State Gerontology Program
6000 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95819-6096

Dear Professor Osborne:

I am writing in support of the proposal transferring the California State University Sacramento (CSUS) Gerontology Certificate Program from the College of Continuing Education to CSUS Gerontology Program on campus. This would be a viable option for keeping this important program intact.

The population age 60 and over in Sacramento and the adjoining counties is expected to grow by over 68% in the next 15 years. Those age 85 and over, the cohort most likely to need significant service supports, will grow by almost 30% during that same timeframe. So it is critical that we attract and train professionals in the health, social service, housing and many other disciplines who are also cross-trained on gerontology issues to provide effective services to this growing population as well as their family caregivers.

The California Department of Aging has a unique “Aging Program Analyst” job classification and we seek to hire individuals who do have specific training and expertise in providing services to older adults. Several of our current and previous staff have participated in the CSUS Certificate program and that training has clearly been valuable to them in their professional development.

Programs such as the CSUS Graduate Certificate in Gerontology are very important in training qualified professionals in the diverse field of aging to meet the workforce demand in this region. If the Certificate program is not continued, the closest CSU campus offering a graduate Gerontology program would be CSU San Francisco. But the distance that potential gerontology students would have to travel to attend that program would create a great hardship and be cost prohibitive for most of them.

I strongly urge you to provide a home for the Gerontology Certificate Program on the CSUS campus. Graduates from this program are truly needed by the many agencies seeking to improve the quality of life for older adults and their families throughout the Sacramento area.

Sincerely,

Lynn Daucher
Director
Cheryl Osborne
Sacramento State Gerontology Program
6000 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95819-6096

October 1, 2007

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing in support of the Gerontology Program's proposal to bring the Gerontology Certificate Program, previously offered through the College of Continuing Education, onto the Sacramento State campus. As America's population ages, the need to provide services to older adults increases. Therefore, the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology fills a great need in our community. The Program helps to ensure that professionals in our area are well-qualified, having the education and skills necessary for functioning successfully in the field of aging. Allowing the Program to be discontinued would do a great disservice to the university and to all older adults in the Sacramento region.

I urge you to continue supporting Sacramento State's involvement and growth in this greatly needed discipline by approving the continuation of the Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program on the main Sacramento State campus.

Sincerely,

Nancy E. Lane, MD

Nancy E. Lane, MD
Professor of Medicine & Rheumatology
Director, Center for Healthy Aging
Vice Chair for Research, Department of Medicine
October 9, 2007

Graduate Certificate Program Committee
c/o Cheryl Osborne
Sacramento State Gerontology Program
6000 J St.
Sacramento, Ca 95819-6096

Dear Committee Members:

As the director of the community services division of a local not-for-profit, and a registered nurse, I am writing in support of the Gerontology Program’s proposal to bring the Graduate Certificate program for Gerontology back to the Sacramento State campus.

I myself returned in mid-life to university education to pursue a degree in Gerontology, and it has served me well. With the “graying” of our nation, there is increased need to provide services to older adults within the community. This certificate program helps to ensure that professionals in our area are qualified and possess the skills to properly serve that population. Allowing the certificate program to be discontinued would do a great disservice to the university as well as those professionals needed to serve the aging public of the greater Sacramento region.

I urge your continued support of CSUS’ involvement and growth in this important discipline by approving the continuation of the Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program on the main CSUS campus.

Sincerely,

Theresa McPeek, R.N.
Director, Community Services
Eskaton Senior Residences and Services
October 8, 2007

Gerontology Certificate Committee
c/o Cheryl Osborne
Sacramento State Gerontology Program
6000 J St.
Sacramento, Ca 95819-6096

Dear Committee Members:

I first attended CSUS in 1982 as a student in the department of Communication studies. For many years thereafter, I worked in both the radio and advertising industries as a writer and producer. My interests took me in a variety of directions and I eventually began working with older adults in the marketing division of Eskaton Senior Residences and Services.

In my work here, it has become clear that to continue serving the best interests of my clients and company, education specific to the needs of the aging would be of great benefit. This is why I am dismayed to learn that there is current consideration of discontinuing the Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program at CSUS.

With market study indicating the growth of this particular segment of our population, it would seem to me that future interest in this particular certificate will only increase, bringing needed revenues to the campus. As a matter of fact, a certificate program is also an attractive, competitive option for those who are working professionals, like myself.

I urge your continued support of Sacramento State’s involvement and growth in this vital discipline by approving the continuation of the Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program on the main CSUS campus.

Sincerely,

Lisa Smith-Youngs
Program Coordinator, Community Services
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Cheryl Osborne
Sacramento State Gerontology Program
6000 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95819-6096

Dear Cheryl:

Since the Gerontology Certificate Program has been discontinued with the College of Continuing Education, I am writing to support the proposal to offer a similar certificate on Sacramento State’s College campus.

This is a great opportunity for Sacramento State to be on the forefront in providing education in the field of Gerontology. By 2040, Sacramento will experience an increase in over 150% in persons 65 and older and an even greater growth in persons 85 years and older. It is imperative that the community develop appropriate services to provide for this burgeoning population, and this requires well qualified professionals who are schooled in gerontology. It would be a disservice to the community to allow this certificate program to be discontinued, in light of this anticipated growth. And, it is an opportunity for Sacramento State to lead in this arena.

Therefore, I urge you to approve the Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program on Sacramento State campus to ensure the availability of well qualified professionals to offer the appropriate care for our aging community.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Lynch

Bernadette Lynch
Executive Director, IHSS Public Authority
Sutter VNA & Hospice

A Sutter Health Affiliate

October 9, 2007

Cheryl Osborn
Program Director
Sacramento State Gerontology Program
6000 J Street
Sacramento, California 95819-6096

Dear Cheryl,

On behalf of the Sacramento Office of Sutter VNA & Hospice, I would like to offer a letter in support of a Certificate Program through the Department of Gerontology at CSUS. In my 22 year tenure as Volunteer Coordinator for our Hospice Program, I have had the opportunity to work with several students pursuing a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology and thus can speak both to the importance of this training and to the benefits these students have offered to our community,

One need only look at the number of senior living complexes in the Sacramento area to be aware of the aging population in our community. Working with patients in these facilities as well as in their homes, in Skilled Nursing Facilities and in Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly, we are well aware of the increasing needs of the elderly. There is a tremendous call for people who have the knowledge and the compassion to help these individuals negotiate their environments as their needs increase while their physical and cognitive abilities decrease.

On occasion we have been able to provide internships to those pursuing a Certificate in Gerontology. The internship hours have directly benefited our hospice patients, and it is our hope that the students' increased skills and knowledge have in turn benefited the elderly as these graduates pursue a variety of careers.

We are hopeful that the committee reviewing the proposal to maintain a Certificate Program at CSUS will see the need for such a program in our community and will recognize the leadership role the University is in the position to take in meeting this need.

Sincerely,

Cindy Dunning
Volunteer Coordinator
October 8, 2007

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in support of the Gerontology Program’s proposal to bring the Gerontology Certificate Program, previously offered through the College of Continuing Education, onto the Sacramento State campus. As America’s population ages, the need to provide services to older adults increases. Therefore, the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology fills a great need in our community. The Program helps to ensure that professionals in our area are well-qualified, having the education and skills necessary for functioning successfully in the field of aging. Allowing the Program to be discontinued would do a great disservice to the university and to all older adults in the Sacramento region.

I urge you to continue supporting Sacramento State’s involvement and growth in this greatly needed discipline by approving the continuation of the Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program on the main Sacramento State campus.

Sincerely,

Denise Davis
Program Director
October 7, 2007

Cheryl Osborne  
Gerontology Program Director  
CSU Sacramento  
6000 J Street  
El Dorado Hall 1030  
Sacramento, CA 95819  

Dear Prof. Osborne:  

Please convey to the Dean of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies and the Office of Graduate Studies at CSUS our support for enabling your program to resume its ability to offer a graduate certificate in gerontology.

Following our recent conversations, we are excited by the possibility of collaboration between us for the benefit of both sides. As a national leader in the delivery of legal assistance to older Americans, our statewide hotline has a number of innovative ideas that could use help being brought to fruition. Graduate student involvement would both help the public we serve and offer an area for original research and program development for graduate level students.

Regardless of the extent to which such collaboration materializes, the explosion in America’s senior population at a time of momentous crises in health care, pensions and housing points to a huge need for qualified experts in aging to assume new responsibilities and lead the way toward better policies. A graduate program in gerontology here in Sacramento would help ensure that our region is better served in these areas.

Please let us know if there is anything else we can do.

Sincerely,  

[Signature]  

David L. Mandel  
Supervising Attorney/Program Manager
October 9, 2007

Dear Committee Members:

The Gerontology Program at Sacramento State provides essential educational and training opportunities to our community. I am writing to support the Gerontology Program's proposal to bring the Gerontology Certificate Program, previously offered through the College of Continuing Education, onto the Sacramento State campus.

The Alzheimer's Association provides many services to the elderly in our Greater Sacramento Area and it is apparent daily that current providers of gerontology services will soon be overwhelmed by the "silver tsunami" we will soon experience with the aging of the baby boom generation.

It is essential that there be a trained professional workforce that understands aging, has the skills to identify and address their needs and advocate for this segment of our population.

Allowing the program to be discontinued would do a great disservice to the university and to the older (and soon to be older) adults in the region. It seems to me to be responsibility of our universities and colleges to take the lead to encourage students to enter the gerontology field if we are to have a balanced and caring society.

Thank you for your support of Sacramento State's involvement and growth in this discipline by approving the continuation of the Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program on the main Sacramento campus.

Sincerely,

Mary Gillon
Regional Director
Greater Sacramento Area
Dear Committee Members:

As working staff members of Senior Peer Counseling, we deal with elders of all sizes, shapes, ethnicities and life styles. Each of our clients is very special ... and most of them have a keen and sensitive depth of wisdom, which is an inherent part of the aging process.

Therefore, it is vital that their world – and our attention to it – continue to be as positive and healthful as possible – for they can “show us our future”!

The Graduate Certificate in Gerontology is a most important reward to the qualified recipients ... and it’s also an acknowledged badge of achievement, denoting the quality of education and sense of principles that are passionately held.

Obviously, the field of Gerontology can only benefit from your allowing the program, on the main Sacramento State campus.

Sincerely,

Donna Reynolds – Senior Administrator

David Robinson – Senior Services Specialist

Claudia Novotny - Senior Services Assistant
October 10, 2007

Cheryl Osborne
Sacramento State Gerontology Program
6000 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95819-6096

Re: Letter of Support

Dear Committee Members:

As a CSUS Gerontology Alumni and a working professional in the aging field, I am writing in support of the Gerontology Program’s proposal to bring the Gerontology Certificate Program, previously offered through the College of Continuing Education, onto the Sacramento State campus. As America’s population ages, the need to provide services to older adults increases. Therefore, the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology fills a great need in our community. The Program helps to ensure that professionals in our area are well-qualified, having the education and skills necessary for functioning successfully in the field of aging. Allowing the Program to be discontinued would do a great disservice to the university and to older adults in the Sacramento region.

I urge you to continue supporting Sacramento State’s involvement and growth in this greatly needed discipline by approving the continuation of the Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program on the main Sacramento State campus.

I am grateful for your time and consideration.

Cordially,

Taryn Benson
Education Coordinator

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Dean of Social Services and Interdisciplinary Studies
Office of Graduate Studies
California State University, Sacramento
600 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95819

Re: Support for Graduate Certificate in Gerontology

Dear Committee Members:

This letter is in support of continuing the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology. I have the pleasure of working in the field of aging services. Over the last 18 years, I have seen many changes in the way professional are trained. The standards of service delivery have improved and the quality of programs just keeps getting better. This is what we all want. Well educated leaders in Gerontology are needed now more than ever and Sac. State should be at the front in providing that training.

I encourage you to approve the continuation of the Gerontology Graduate Certification Program. Aging services are going to become more and more essential as our population continues to age. We are at a critical time in the process. Your decision matters. Thanks for this opportunity to endorse this program and I look forward to hearing that it will be approved and available in the future.

Yours truly,

Jill Yungling
Administrator/Program Director
October 4, 2007

Dear Committee Members:

As Sacramento prepares for the major demographic shift to a more aged population, an increasing number of people with gerontological knowledge and skills will be required. With this in mind, I am writing to support the continuation of the Gerontology Certificate Program at Sacramento State.

By continuing the Gerontology Certificate Program, the university will not only be contributing to the well-being of the older residents of Sacramento, it will be ensuring that its graduates have the opportunity to appropriately prepare themselves for employment in the 21st century. An education in gerontology can be the perfect complement to a wide variety of academic disciplines, ranging from nursing and social work to business administration, marketing the recreation.

Academic institutions large and small across the country are increasing their offerings in gerontology; now is not the time for Sacramento State to reduce its commitment to the increasingly important field of aging.

Sincerely,

Rosanne Bernardy, MSG
Superintendent for Older Adult Services
Cheryl Osborne

From: Dave Mitchell [dave.mitchell0170@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2007 4:59 PM
To: Cheryl Osborne
Subject: Graduate Certificate Program in Gerontology

October 07, 2007

Dear Committee Members,

I have many reasons to be writing this letter regarding Gerontology.

I am now at age 71.

My mother passed at age 88. My mother in law at 94. My wife of 50 years is still with me. I have many grandparents and great grandparents that lived to be 90 plus. Thus I can tell you from very personal experience that America is aging.

I am a retired Hospice Chaplain.

I can also testify that our professional community needs more training and support in caring for and treating this deserving population.

I urge you to continue supporting Sacramento State's involvement and growth in this greatly needed discipline by approving the continuation of the Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program on the main Sacramento State campus.

Sincerely,

Dave Mitchell, MA, DD
Chaplain, Retired
916-481-1607
4513 Argonaut Way
Sacramento, CA 95864

10/8/2007
October 3, 2007

Committee to review
Sacramento State Gerontology Program
6000 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95819-6096

Dear Committee Members:

As an emeritus professor who taught in the CSUS Gerontology Program and a current volunteer Long-Term Care Ombudsman, I see an increasing need for professionals educated regarding the needs of the elderly and the resources required to meet those needs. I am writing in support of the Gerontology Program’s proposal to offer the Gerontology Certificate Program, previously offered through the College of Continuing Education as a part of the on-campus curriculum.

As our aging population increases rapidly with the baby boomers reaching retirement age, the necessity for well qualified professionals also increases. Here are some of the things that I encounter as a Long-Term Care Ombudsman. The incidence of elder abuse is increasing, especially financial abuse. Long-term care facilities are being licensed daily and there is a need for people who have the skills to understand and work with the elderly to staff many of those positions. Families need the services of qualified case managers when it comes time to make decisions about the best living and care situations for their aging members. Advocates for the elderly will be increasingly required, especially since many older people have no family members who can or are willing to advocate for them. Many professionals who are in positions to provide benefits for older adults need additional training to be successful in their jobs. Trainers are needed to provide the specialized training that caregivers in long-term care facilities are required to have in order to deal with the unique needs of the elderly.

I urge you to support this program by approving the continuation of the Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program on the main Sacramento State campus.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Doris M. Beard
October 3, 2007

CSUS Committee Reviewing Graduate Certificate in Gerontology

Dear Committee Members:

This letter is to urge your support for approving the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology to be offered as part of the Gerontology Program on campus. This Certificate was previously offered through the College of Continuing Education.

There is a critical lack of academic programs in the field of gerontology just as the demographics of our country are shifting to reflect greater and greater numbers of seniors. The need for senior services will grow exponentially over the next twenty years, and data show that an educated workforce provides more efficient, economical, and effective services. As academics, we have a responsibility to educate this future workforce. Losing a quality program such as this Graduate Certificate would be a disservice to our community.

The Gerontology Department at American River College directs its students to the CSUS programs in Gerontology. Many of our graduates already have undergraduate degrees and are looking for a graduate-level option to continue their education. This Certificate is a viable option for these students.

Please support CSUS’s commitment in this critical discipline by approving the continuation of the Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program as a part of the Gerontology Program at CSUS.

Sincerely,

Barbara Gillogly, Ph.D.
Chair, Gerontology Department
October 2, 2007

Cheryl Osborne
Sacramento State Gerontology Program
6000 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95819-6096

Dear Ms. Osborne,

Never in America's history has Gerontology been a more critical discipline. At something like 70,000,000 seniors strong now, and up to 78,000,000 by the year 2012 (50,000 more every day), now is the time to understand how best we can grapple with the quest for quality of life for seniors and their families.

There are so many areas that need expanding: housing as a key quality of life indicator, community for seniors, emergency preparedness for seniors. Ten thousand people died in a heat wave in France two years ago, and almost all of them were seniors. Thirty-five seniors died in a heat wave in California last year; thirty-one of those had air conditioners.

People need connectivity (community) to survive. How will we reincorporate that for seniors?

Expand your program, expand our abilities, and help people — don’t shrink from this critical collective responsibility at this critical time.

Sincerely,

Charles Durrett
September 28, 2007

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing in support of the Gerontology Program’s proposal to bring the Gerontology Certificate Program, previously offered through the College of Continuing Education, onto the Sacramento State campus. As America’s population ages, the need to provide services to older adults increases. Therefore, the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology fills a great need in our community. The Program helps to ensure that professionals in our area are well-qualified, having the education and skills necessary for functioning successfully in the field of aging. Allowing the Program to be discontinued would do a great disservice to the university and to all older adults in the Sacramento region.

As the Therapeutic Recreation degree option coordinator, several of my students will be working with the aging population and will greatly benefit from having this program on campus.

I urge you to continue supporting Sacramento State’s involvement and growth in the greatly needed discipline by approving the continuation of Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program on the main Sacramento State campus.

Sincerely,

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September 30, 2007

Dr. Cheryl Osborne
Director of Gerontology
California State University Sacramento
6000 J St.
Sacramento, California 95819-6096

Title: Post Baccalaureate/Graduate Certificate in Gerontology.

Dear Dr. Osborne:

This is a letter in support of your proposal that the Graduate Certificate Program in Gerontology at CSUS be formally adopted into the curriculum of the Gerontology Department. After more than three years in preparation, and over six years as an adjunct program of the College of Continuing Education, I am pleased that your effort is finally going to the curriculum committee for approval. These courses are at the graduate level and open to anyone with a minimum requisite bachelor’s degree.

My twenty-five years in Sacramento, as a senior Social Security official charged with the delivery of public Social Security and SSI benefits to the aged and disabled, afforded me the opportunity to meet on a daily basis a public ill-informed on the issues of aging. At the time, mine was not to set public policy, but to inform and report. In many cases applicants for benefits might indicate some incapacity to properly apply for or manage benefits provided for by Social Security law. A thin line of commercial, government, and non-profit organizations provide the social service casework required to keep these most vulnerable citizens out of harm’s way.

In the absence of state mandated standards for the licensing and supervision of gerontologists or geriatricians, one can only hope that professionals in this work would avail themselves of the educational opportunities offered in programs such as our CSUS Graduate Certificate to augment their individual education and clinical experiences. I was afforded the privilege of participating in the Graduate Certificate program as an instructor in GER 102, Social Policy and Aging, over a five year span, and was pleased to share my knowledge and experience with a generation of the new professionals in the field of Gerontology.
The CSUS Program helps ensure that these new professionals have exposure and access to skills prerequisite to success in the field, and absolutely necessary to assure the public we serve has received the highest quality of service available. To discontinue the Program now would be the greatest disservice to both these new professionals and the community all around us. To the curriculum committee, I urge you continue to support the Graduate Certificate Program in Gerontology at CSUS. It serves as a cornerstone program in our campus fabric of programs to meet the challenges of Aging in America.

Sincerely,

Peter J. D'Anna, M.P.A., C.P.G.

(C.P.G., credentialed professional gerontologist by the National Association of Professional Gerontologists)
October 15, 2007

Dear Committee Members:

As a gerontology graduate of Sacramento State College, I am writing to whole-heartedly support the proposal to bring the Gerontology Certificate Program onto the main Sacramento State campus.

I have been employed with the Area 4 Agency on Aging since my graduation in 2005, and I have witnessed the increasing need for gerontology professionals in communities in northern California. Although I don’t have statistical forecasts at my finger tips, the need has been documented, and it will continue to dramatically increase especially with the onset of baby boomers who already started to turn 60 in 2006.

Who is going to give the boomers and our current seniors, who are living longer than their predecessors, the help and guidance they need in the many areas that affect them? Anything that can be done to encourage college graduates to pursue the aging field and enhance their ability and access to receive the necessary education should be taken on as a top priority!

Within Area 4 Agency on Aging, we have two staff members who have graduated from the certificate program at Sacramento State. They have demonstrated excellent knowledge and understanding of the challenges older adults face, and they have made significant contributions while working directly with non-profit agencies which provide services to seniors. Their post-graduate gerontology education has given them the chance to enter this in-demand career field and to be well-qualified to perform successfully.

As a community, we can only provide more gerontology professionals by educating more students to meet the demand, and the support of our colleges and universities is vital in making that happen. I strongly encourage you to approve the continuation of the gerontology certificate program on the main Sacramento State campus.

Sincerely,

Lori Howton
A4AA Program Manager
Cheryl Osborne

From: Lori Howton [LHowton@a4aa.com]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 3:57 PM
To: Cheryl Osborne
Subject: Support Letter for Certificate Program
Attachments: Sac State Support Letter.doc

Hi Dr. Osborne,
It was great to see you again at the Gero Fair!

Attached is my support letter as promised. Let me know if you would like a hard copy.

Best regards,

Lori

Lori Howton
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10/16/2007
October 12, 2007

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing in support of the Gerontology Program's proposal to bring the Gerontology Certificate Program, previously offered through the College of Continuing Education, onto the Sacramento State campus. As America's population ages, the need to provide services to older adults increases. Therefore, the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology fills a great need in our community. The Program helps to ensure that professionals in our area are well qualified, having the education and skills necessary for functioning successfully in the field of aging. Allowing the Program to be discontinued would do a great disservice to the university and to all older adults in the Sacramento region.

Many of our undergraduate students in Therapeutic Recreation have taken classes in this program and would be adversely affected by its demise.

I urge you to continue supporting Sacramento State's involvement and growth in this greatly needed discipline by approving the continuation of the Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program on the main Sacramento State Campus.

Sincerely,

Dr. Beth D. Kivel, Chair
Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration
Great thanks again Beth!
Cheryl

From: Beth Kivel  
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 4:14 PM  
To: Cheryl Osborne  
Subject: RE: letter of support

Cheryl,

I hadn’t planned on it because I’d be happy for you to sign my name and then put your initials underneath – the way we used to sign documents when I worked at a law firm...

Beth

Dr. Beth D. Kivel, Associate Professor and Chair  
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From: Cheryl Osborne  
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 10:47 AM  
To: Beth Kivel  
Subject: RE: letter of support

Hi Beth – welcome back! Thanks so much!! I’ll let you know! Will you be sending a signed hard copy?
Cheryl

From: Beth Kivel  
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 4:59 PM  
To: Cheryl Osborne  
Subject: FW: letter of support

Hi Cheryl,

Attached is our letter of support – I’ve been away for the past three weeks so sorry for the delay and I hope that following your sample letter format was, in fact, okay.
October 14, 2007

To: Gerontology Certificate Program Committee

From: Marian Smith, Program Director
       KFOK Community Radio
       P.O. Box 3248
       Georgetown, CA 95634

Dear Committee Members,

I write this letter of support of the Sacramento State Gerontology Program’s proposal to assume the Gerontology Certificate Program, previously offered through the College of Continuing Education.

As a recent graduate of Gerontology at Sacramento State, I feel qualified to speak about the importance of an aging program. I see a real lack of knowledge in the outside world on the issues facing the growing population of elders. Gerontologists are needed now and into the distant future. They are willing to assume the responsibilities for the multitude of problems that face us as a nation. The problems will be multidimensional and will need quality educated students that are ready to tackle them.

It is with great pride that I have my Bachelor’s Degree in Gerontology at Sacramento State University, and that I am putting the knowledge and education to concrete use, both as a Geriatric Care Manager and as the Program Director of a local community radio station. My program, “Aging with Success” is currently in its third year of production and continues to gain listenership both locally and with online streaming. Because of my gerontological education, I am able to serve the rural elder and their families who might not otherwise receive factual information on aging.

Sacramento State is willing to be involved in the growth of this discipline. I hope you will consider approval of continuing the Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program on the main Sacramento State campus.

Sincerely,

Marian Smith, Program Director
KFOK-LPFM Community Radio
www.kfok.org
Cheryl Osborne

From: Marian Smith [msmitheo@wildblue.net]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 4:22 PM
To: Cheryl Osborne
Subject: hope this can help...
Attachments: Gero support.doc

Dear Dr. Osborne,
Sorry, I only received this late last week - I hope it's not too late to show support.

We need to talk soon about great changes! Hope all is well with you. Marian

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Email: programdirector@kfok.org

10/16/2007
October 17, 2007
Barbara Grigg RN MSN
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Re: Letter of Support for Certificate Program in Gerontology

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing in support of the Gerontology Program’s proposal to bring the Gerontology Certificate Program, previously offered through the College of Continuing Education, onto the Sacramento State campus. Older adults are the fastest growing segment of our population, growing at a disproportionately high rate over the next 25 years. By 2030 almost 1 out of 5 Americans (72 million) will be 65 years or older. The age group of 85 and older is now the fastest growing segment in the U.S. population. By 2040, it is estimated that Sacramento County will experience a 158 percent increase in the population 60 and older and a 316 percent increase of those 85 and older. I have worked with this older population for the last 25 years and I know that we need programs that help ensure that professionals in our area are well qualified to provide services to these older adults. I believe that the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology fills a great need in our community. Allowing the Program to be discontinued would do a great disservice to the university and to all older adults in the Sacramento region.

I urge you to continue supporting Sacramento State University’s involvement and growth in this greatly needed discipline by approving the continuation of the Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program on the main Sacramento State campus.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Grigg

Barbara A. Grigg RN MSN
October 16, 2007

Cheryl Osborne  
Sacramento State Gerontology Program  
6000 J Street  
Sacramento, CA 95819-6096

Dear Ms. Osborne:

I am pleased to write this letter supporting the Sacramento State Gerontology Program's proposal to bring the Gerontology Certificate Program, previously offered through the College of Continuing Education, onto the Sacramento State Campus.

As America's population ages, the need to provide services to older adults increases. Therefore, the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology fills a great need in our community. The program helps to ensure that professionals in our area are well-qualified, having the education and skills necessary for functioning successfully in the field of aging.

As a designated Sacramento County Focal Point, Ethel Hart Senior Center provides service to some 15,000 different seniors each year in the Sacramento area. Each Focal Point Community is unique and addressed the needs of the populations within its boundaries. In addition to nutrition, information and assistance, and transportation resources, coordination with and linkages to other services are provided that meets the needs of seniors within the community. Some of the other services we provide include:

- Legal services  
- Wellness classes  
- Educational programs  
- Recreations and leisure activities

- Forms assistance  
- Volunteer opportunities  
- Grandparent services  
- Support group meetings

As a Focal Point in Sacramento County, we support Sacramento State's involvement and growth in this greatly needed discipline by approving the continuation of the Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program on the main Sacramento State campus.

Sincerely,

Linda Hoschler

Linda Hoschler, Director  
Ethel Hart Senior Center
Good morning Professor Osborne,

I hope I'm not too late to send in a letter in support of the Graduate certificate in Gerontology. It is attached as a Word document.

If you would like it sent as a hard copy, just let me know.

Thank you,

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