

Master of Science in Geriatric Care Management (Part-Time) – SC547

1. Context and Objectives

The Master of Science in Geriatric Care Management programme is designed for potential students who wish to join the elderly care sector and professionals already working in the sector who wish to further their knowledge of this rapidly evolving and growing field. This programme focuses on both the clinical and policy aspects of elderly care. This programme is open to all professionals working with elderly namely Medical Practitioners, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Social Workers, and Psychologists amongst others. The programme is designed in a hybrid format, which includes on-campus and online modules thus allowing the students to work at their own pace.

The objectives of the programme are:

1. To construct a healthier understanding of the ageing process and build a more age-integrated society.
2. To enhance knowledge and skills that are required for students to engage in evidence-based, ageing-related practice or research within the local or global context.

2. Learning Outcomes

By the end of this programme, graduates will have developed knowledge and skills to:

- a. understand the social and clinical context of ageing and gerontology, and psychological constructs surrounding ageing;
- b. analyse and explore the different means and modalities of comprehensive assessment in geriatrics;
- c. explore the concept of palliative and end of life care for the elderly;
- d. understand the role and impact of rehabilitation services on elderly;
- e. develop relevant research and analytical skills (e.g. evaluation of relevant literature and application of appropriate statistical tests) to conduct evidence-based research in geriatrics;
- f. scrutinize best practice in elderly as regards policy, welfare, and residential care amongst others;
- g. understand how to manage geriatric care services taking into consideration relevant factors;
- h. understand the concepts of reablement and support service in geriatrics; and
- i. identify and apply different strategies for Health Promotion and Wellness for elderly;
- j. develop and demonstrate skills and attitudes of critical thinking.

3. Teaching and Learning Methods

Modules shall be taught over 10 weeks and shall include 3 hours of contact per week, involve 6 hours of self-study per week and 9 hours of other learning activities per week for each semester. The 30 hours of contact shall include class hours, tutorials and practicals.

This part time Masters programme will be conducted in a blended mode which will include online and face-to-face lectures as well as self-directed learning (self-study) and other learning activities (e.g. group work, field visits, experiential learning). Total learning hours pertaining to each component are specified in the sections that follow. Students are expected to complete those learning hours under guidance to be eligible for awards of degree.

4. Entry Requirements

- *General Requirements – As per rules and regulations of University of Mauritius*
- *Programme (Specific) Requirements:*

Successful completion of an undergraduate degree in Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Social Work, Psychology, Medical Sciences, Sociology with

- At least a Second Class or 50%, whichever is applicable or
- A GPA not less than 2.5 out of 4 or equivalent, from a recognized higher education institution.

OR alternative qualifications related to applied Health Sciences acceptable to the University of Mauritius.

In line with the University policy on access to courses, students without the formal entrance qualifications set out above will be considered on basis of relevant work experience. Each case will be considered on its own merits.

5. Programme Duration

	Normal	Maximum
Post Graduate Diploma in Geriatric Care Management	3 semesters	5 semesters
Master of Science in Geriatric Care Management	4 semesters	6 semesters

6. Minimum LCCS Required/Year

- *For Degree Award*
Breakdown is as follows:

	LCCS credits
Postgraduate Diploma	60
Master of Science	92

Note: The Post-Graduate Diploma exit point will be made available in cases where a student has failed to obtain the minimum number of LCCS credits for the award of the Master of Science in Geriatric Care Management, but has obtained a minimum of 60 credits corresponding to the total number of LCCS credits acquired at the end of Semester 3. Students who wish to exit with a Post-Graduate Diploma will have to complete a pilot study of around 4000-5000 words in lieu of the research proposal in module MGC 6204 – Research Methods.

- For each Academic Year

Academic Year	Number of LCCS credits per Year	Notional Learning Hours
Year 1	48	1440
Year 2	44	1320
Total	92	2760

Min/Max LCCS credits per year according to UoM Regulations

6.1. Breakdown of Learning hours

Postgraduate Diploma

Students will need to have completed a total of 1800 notional learning hours (amounting to 60 LCCS credits) to be eligible for the degree of Postgraduate Diploma.

Master of Science

Students will need to have completed a total of 2760 notional learning hours (amounting to 92 LCCS credits, including research project) to be eligible for the degree of Master of Science.

The total notional learning hours for the 2 year part time programme will cover the following learning activities:

Learning Activity	Notional Learning Hours
Lectures	360
Self-study	1020
Other learning activities	1380
Total	2760

7. Assessment and Deadlines

The pass mark will be 40% for all modules.

Each module will carry 100 marks (i.e. expressed as %) and will be assessed as follows:

7.1 Examinations

Modules will be examined at the end of the semester in which they are taught and will carry a weighting of 60% of the total marks for the modules.

7.2 Continuous Assessment for modules

Continuous assessment will carry 40% of total marks and can be based on case studies/reports/Field visits/assignments/activities. Continuous Assessment should include at least 1 class test.

7.3 Modules assessed solely on continuous assessment

The online modules will be assessed solely on basis of continuous assessment.

Note: All written assessments will be subject to moderation by an internal moderator using the Continuous Assessment Moderation Sheet provided by Department of Health Sciences.

8. List of Modules

Breakdown of modules for each academic year is as follows:

Code	Module Name	L* / T* / P* (per week) Contact Hours	Self- study/wk	Other Learning Hours/Wk	LCCS Credits
SEMESTER 1					
MGC 6101	Social and Clinical Gerontology*	3	6	9	6
MGC 6102	Psychological Dimensions of Health and Ageing *	3	6	9	6
MGC 6103	Comprehensive Assessment in Geriatrics	3	6	9	6
MGC 6104	Ageing Associated Diseases*	3	6	9	6
SUB TOTAL					24
SEMESTER 2					
MGC 6201	Dementia and Mental Health of Elderly	3	6	9	6
MGC 6202	Managing Elderly Care Services I*	3	6	9	6
MGC 6203	Geriatric Rehabilitation*	3	6	9	6
MGC 6204	Research Methods*	3	6	9	6
SUB TOTAL					24
SEMESTER 3					
MGC 6000Y	Research Project	-	-	-	-
MGC 6104	Palliative Care for Elderly	3	6	9	6
MGC 6105	Policy And Best Practice In Geriatric Care*	3	6	9	6
MGC 6106	Managing Elderly Care Services II	3	6	9	6
SUB TOTAL					18
SEMESTER 4					
MGC 6000Y	Research Project	-		60	20
MGC 6205	Health Promotion and Wellness for the Elderly*	3	6	9	6
SUB TOTAL					26
TOTAL					92

Note:

Contact Hours: L* = Lecture, T* = Tutorials, P* = Practicals

Online modules are indicated with *

9. Programme Plan

Code	Module Name	L* / T* / P* (per week) Contact Hours	LCCS Credits
YEAR 1			
MGC 6101	Social and Clinical Gerontology	3	6
MGC 6102	Psychological Dimensions of Health and Ageing *	3	6
MGC 6103	Comprehensive Assessment in Geriatrics	3	6
MGC 6104	Ageing Associated Diseases*	3	6
MGC 6201	Dementia and Mental Health of Elderly	3	6
MGC 6202	Managing Elderly Care Services 1	3	6
MGC 6203	Geriatric Rehabilitation*	3	6
MGC 6204	Research Methods*	3	6
		Subtotal	48
YEAR 2			
MGC 6000Y	Research Project		20
MGC 6104	Palliative Care for Elderly	3	6
MGC 6105	Policy And Best Practice In Geriatric Care*	3	6
MGC 6106	Managing Elderly Care Services 2	3	6
MGC 6205	Health Promotion and Wellness for the Elderly*	3	6
		Subtotal	44
		GRAND TOTAL	92