

## **AGING & HEALTH (A&H) Certificate Policies**

**Admissions:** MSW students in good academic standing, with an interest in working with adults and older adults with acute or chronic health problems, are welcome to apply to the Aging & Health Certificate Program. Please note that your application will be read and scored by the Director of the Aging and Health Certificate Program at the MSW Program. Decisions are final and confidential, so we are unable to discuss individual decisions with applicants. Please know that we take a variety of factors into consideration in making our decision. Each application is given careful consideration.

**Once Accepted:** If you are accepted into the Aging & Health Certificate Program, the Director of the Certificate Program will review your transcripts and practicum placement progress on an ongoing basis. Failure to achieve a minimum grade of B in any course used to satisfy the Certificate requirements **or** failure to successfully complete the assigned advanced year practicum placement may result in being dismissed from the certificate program. The Director of the Certificate Program retains the right to terminate students, on a case-by-case basis, for violations of academic integrity, the University Code of Student Conduct, the NASW Code of Ethics, or other factors that bear on the ability to maintain the standard of care in social work practice.

If you defer your acceptance to the MSW program after being admitted to the Aging & Health Certificate Program, you will have to complete an additional application and send to the Director of the Certificate Program when you start your MSW studies.

If you are dismissed from the Rutgers MSW program for any reason, you are automatically dismissed from the Aging & Health Certificate Program. Should you be reinstated to the MSW program, you will not be automatically reinstated to the Certificate program and must reapply.

If you take a Leave of Absence (LOA) during your MSW studies for up to two semesters, you will remain in the Aging & Health Certificate Program and will not have to reapply when you resume your MSW studies.

You may opt to withdraw from the Aging & Health Certificate Program at any time and without any penalty. To withdraw you will need to give written notice to the Certificate Director at [Laursned@ssw.rutgers.edu](mailto:Laursned@ssw.rutgers.edu) and include the Aging and Health Certificate Program mailbox, [aging@ssw.rutgers.edu](mailto:aging@ssw.rutgers.edu).