The 33- hour **Practitioner Track** contains courses for students whose interests are in careers related to dementia and prefer a wide variety of elective courses related to dementia and aging issues. A student in this track may be interested in careers such as health educator, patient advocate, non-profit administrator (e.g., Meals on Wheels). This track consists of required courses (12 hours) and electives (21 hours). Contact the Director of Graduate Programs with questions about the degree plan: Dr. Patti Giuffre ([pg07@txstate.edu](mailto:pg07@txstate.edu)). **All students must take comprehensive exams in their last semester of coursework.**

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| **Course Number** | **Required Courses: A few (but not all) are offered each fall and spring** | **Semester completed** |
| SOCI 5351 | Introduction to Dementia |  |
| SOCI 5352 | Dementia and Caregiving |  |
| SOCI 5355 | Social Psychology of Dementia |  |
| SOCI 5383 OR SOCI 5354 | Seminar on Aging OR Theoretical Perspectives on Dementia and Aging |  |

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| **Course Number** | **Elective Courses (7 courses required): A few (but not all) are offered in fall, spring, and summer.** | **Semester completed** |
| CDIS 5380 | Communication and Aging (typically offered in summer only but won’t be offered in summer 2018. It will likely be offered in fall 2018.) |  |
| LTCA 5322 | Environmental Management in Long-Term Care |  |
| LTCA 5323 | Governance Management in Long-Term Care |  |
| LTCA 5324 | Personnel Management in Long-Term Care |  |
| LTCA 5325 | Resident Care Management in Long-Term Care |  |
| LTCA 5335 | Financial Management in Long-Term Care |  |
| SOWK 5328 | Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Aging |  |
| SOCI 5363 | Seminar in Medical Sociology |  |
| SOCI 5357 | Gender and Aging |  |
| SOCI 5361 | Diversity and Aging |  |
| SOCI 5362 | Rural Aging and Dementia |  |
| SOCI 5354 | Theoretical Perspectives in Aging and Dementia |  |
| SOCI 5356 | End of Life |  |
| SOCI 5388I | Clinical Sociology |  |

FAQs

1. The schedules of classes is available under “University Registrar” (see [https://ssb.txstate.edu/prod/bwckschd.p\_disp\_dyn\_sched](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fssb.txstate.edu%2Fprod%2Fbwckschd.p_disp_dyn_sched&data=01%7C01%7Cpg07%40txstate.edu%7C49cf895d5b78433d191108d460be6ecf%7Cb19c134a14c94d4caf65c420f94c8cbb%7C0&sdata=4GtMEHyd1SW8%2B%2F2fixJLTly8%2BDMuFSR6PNJmU8F9yWA%3D&reserved=0)). Register via Catsweb.

 2. Some graduate courses require departmental approval. You must contact the appropriate person (see below) with your student ID, name of course, and the CRN (5 digit course code) of the course you want to take. Department approvals do not guarantee you a space in the class; they simply allow you to register for the class. Do NOT delay registration because some courses fill up very fast. Register as soon as registration opens. Departmental approvals are given in the order they are received. Confirmation will be sent once the hold is lifted (no need to send several messages).

For department approvals:

**Sociology course approvals**: Lindy Knowles, [mk34@txstate.edu](mailto:mk34@txstate.edu) or [socigrad@txstate.edu](mailto:socigrad@txstate.edu)

**LTCA course approvals:** Julie Carroll, [jc05@txstate.edu](mailto:jc05@txstate.edu). Any other questions about LTCA courses, including the internship, contact Professor Todd Mackenzie, [mackenzie@txstate.edu](mailto:mackenzie@txstate.edu)

**Social Work course approvals**: Carla Ackerson, [cja59@txstate.edu](mailto:cja59@txstate.edu)

**CDIS course approvals:** Irene Talamantes, [it01@txstate.edu](mailto:it01@txstate.edu), 512-245-2330

3. No Sociology courses are offered in the summer. Typically, 1-2 LTCA courses are offered in the summer.

4. Read the handbook. NEW STUDENTS: Please read the handout about information for new students and view the online orientation on Tracs.

5. A full-time course load is 9 hours (3 classes) at the graduate level. Do not take 3 classes if you are working full-time. Instead, take 1 or 2 classes.

6. Financial aid will not provide funds for classes that are not a part of the degree plan. Ask Dr. Giuffre if you are unsure whether a course counts towards your degree. Follow the template on p. 1 and you should be fine.

7. Another elective that is offered once a year and can be subbed for an elective: PHIL 5360A, Ethics and Dementia. Let Dr. Giuffre know so that she can petition to have the course count on your degree audit. For department approval: [philosophy@txstate.edu](mailto:philosophy@txstate.edu).