

# Gerontological Nursing

## **Outline:**

We are responsible for undergraduate and graduate education in Gerontological Nursing. Our aims are to lead undergraduate and graduate students to be professional leaders and to create researchers in gerontological nursing. We also promote education and studies to enhance the older adults to live independently with best physical and psychosocial functioning and spiritual well-being. From our academic field you learn and research from life experience and wisdom of older adults with respect.

## **Faculty members:**

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## **Main research in progress :**

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- (1) Supporting for older adults with dementia to eat well: Focusing on environmental management
- (2) Decision-making support for older adults with dementia
- (3) Nutritional status associated with the recovery of walking ability during the perioperative period in older adults with proximal femoral fractures
- (4) Preventing burns in older adults
- (5) End-of-life care for older adults with dementia

## **【Education Field】**

Gerontological Nursing  
Pathophysiology of Aging-associated Diseases and Nursing  
Skills for Gerontological Nursing  
Clinical Practice of Gerontological Nursing  
Dementia Care

## **【Research Field】**

Dementia Care  
End-of-Life Care for Long-Term Care Residents  
Dysphagia Management for Older Adults  
Decision-Making Support for Older Adults  
Nutritional Care of Older Adults in Acute Care Settings  
Preventing Burns in Older Adults