Programs today targeting older adults too often rely upon outdated models, paradigms that do not reflect current cultural trends, or an incomplete understanding of the deeper issues faced by persons in the later stages of life. Today’s research shows that what is often lacking in older adult programming is an emphasis on the spirituality of aging.



This certificate program will seek to enable participants to gain an understanding of the essential role of spirituality and how spirituality enhances the efficacy of other health care and congregational services to and with older adults. This certificate program will focus on developing an awareness of spirituality in aging, allowing participants to engage the spirituality of the older adults whom they serve as well as their own spirituality in a manner that is wholistic and sensitive to spiritual formation and human development.

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The Program includes a half-day retreat and four half-day classes held on Saturdays. The orientation retreat will be held on **Saturday, September 17, 2016**.

The classes will be held the third Saturdays:

1. **Oct. 15** Aging Defined
2. **Nov. 19** Spirituality & Aging,
3. **Jan**. **21, 2017** Culture, Spirituality & Aging,
4. **Feb. 25** Practical Approaches to Address Aging,

The Certificate program provides continuing education credit for those seeking hours for:

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* NAB
* Denominational Continuing Education requirements

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