STRONG FACULTY
Our faculty are highly qualified and committed to student success.

ACCREDITATION
Our programs are in line with the most recent competencies and standards published by the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education.

CURRICULUM
- M.S. Applied Gerontology (36 hrs.)
- Post-B.A. Gerontology Certificate (15 hrs.)
- Gerontology undergraduate minor
- 4+1 Combination programs with exercise science, public health and recreation therapy

OPPORTUNITIES
We offer hands-on service learning, community engagement, group interaction and distance education opportunities and information that will help you personally, as well as professionally.

WHAT DO GERONTOLOGISTS DO?
Gerontologists work to improve the well-being of older adults, as advocates, direct service providers, educators/trainers, administrators, marketers and product developers, program planners, evaluators, researchers and more.

Our mission is to enhance the health and well-being of older adults in our community, through innovation and excellence in workforce development, research, professional service and community engagement.
GERONTOLOGY

GERONTOLOGY CORE CURRICULUM (GRADUATE)

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PROGRAM OF STUDY

The graduate certificate is comprised of the five core courses. It can stand alone or be taken along with a graduate degree to complement any discipline, including business, exercise science, policy, recreation therapy, social work and more. Students pursuing the master’s degree take the five core courses, as well as a research methods course and 12 hours of “selectives” aligned with their professional goals. The program culminates with a master’s project. The 4+1 Combination Programs in exercise science, public health and recreation therapy allow UNCW undergraduate students who are interested in aging to take graduate courses during their senior year.

EMPLOYMENT

With the rapid aging of our population, the “Longevity Economy” already provides 100 million jobs in the U.S. and is a fast-growing field. Among the states, North Carolina ranks 9th in the population of people 65 and older. Between 2016 and 2037, the numbers will increase from 1.6 to 2.6 million people. The need for employees with gerontology knowledge is critical in a wide range of areas.

Where can you work with a gerontology degree?

Graduates with gerontology expertise can work with a variety of public and private organizations or create new job opportunities in this fast-growing field. Employment opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- Government agencies
- Senior housing communities
- Healthcare settings
- Recreation/fitness centers
- Non-profit agencies
- Colleges/universities
- Financial planning offices
- Businesses/product development


For more information about this field, the career options, professional opportunities and the UNCW program, visit uncw.edu/shahs

Questions? Contact Dr. Anne Glass, Program Coordinator, at 910.962.7509 or gerontology@uncw.edu.

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