

Personal Narrative for Applicants to the UNCW Master of Science in Applied Gerontology Program

The purpose of the personal narrative is to give you an opportunity to discuss your interests in the UNCW Applied Gerontology program and to reflect on why you are perhaps interested in working with older adults.

The Applied Gerontology program provides a foundation to help you work with aging adults. Our course content addresses all aspects of aging—with required courses in biology, psychology, sociology, and research methods and electives in social work, therapeutic recreation, family and health, health care access, the impact of combat on aging, women and aging, and other special topic seminars. All students complete a hands-on practicum with a business or service organization working with older adults.

With our program description in mind please address the following questions:

- Why have you chosen to study gerontology?
- What personal experiences have influenced your decision?
- What personal qualities and strengths would you bring to the study of gerontology?
- There are many different gerontology graduate programs – why are you interested in our applied program?

Your personal narrative should be no more than 500 words.