Are you looking for a job that needs people with a wide variety of skills, is challenging, improves the lives of others, and works with or on behalf of the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population? Be a part of the growing field of people who specialize in gerontology within their chosen career path.

- Over the past 10 years, the population age 65+ increased by 33% and is projected to almost double to 98 million in 2060.
- By 2040, there will be about 82.3 million older persons, over twice their number in 2000.
- The 85+ population is projected to more than double by 2040 (a 129% increase).

The field of aging is diverse and offers many different employment options as well as the chance to develop creative ideas for new programs and services. Professionals in the field of aging work in a variety of settings. There are unlimited opportunities to work with older adults or create a new niche within the field of aging.

**Required Courses (6 hours)**

- GERON 315—Introduction to Gerontology (3)
- GERON 600—Seminar in Gerontology (3)

**Elective Courses (18 hours)**

Electives taken from a list of almost 40 options, allowing students to customize learning based on anticipated career path

**OCCUPATION OUTLOOK**

Hospitality management, family mediator, interior or clothing/textiles designer, intergenerational program director, geriatric care manager, elder law attorney, dementia care specialist, older adult nutrition program manager, Area Agency on Aging specialist, event planner, senior fitness specialist

Social Worker, substance or elder abuse counselor, health system specialist, geriatric health care, in-home services administrator, journalist, music/art/drama therapist, policy advisor, volunteer program director, long term care ombudsman, outpatient health services, adult protective

Long Term Care Administrator, long term care accountant, for-profit & non-profit organizational specialist, long term care/retirement planner, medical practice manager, city or state associations manager, grant writer, certified senior advisor, career & employment counselor, adult day services, business owner

Long term care/health care design specialist, certified aging in place specialist, universal design specialist, long term care management systems architect, memory care design specialist, community based activity center specialist, wellness and fitness center design specialist