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.

The field of aging is diverse and offers many employment options as well as the chance to develop ideas for new programs and services. Professionals in 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 (9 hours)
GERON 315—Introduction to Gerontology (3)
GERON 510—Aging in America: Policy and Advocacy (3)
GERON 600—Seminar in Gerontology (3)

Elective Courses (15 hours)
Electives taken from a list of almost 40 options, allowing students to customize learning based on anticipated career path

Business Administration
Long Term Care Administrator, long term care accountant, for-profit and non-profit organizational specialist, long term care/retirement planner, medical practice manager, grant writer, certified senior advisor, career and employment counselor, adult day services, business owner.

Health & Human Sciences
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.

Architecture, Planning & Design
Long term/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/fitness center design specialist.

Arts & Sciences
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 services.
Required and elective gerontology courses

**Health and Human Sciences**
- GERON 315 Intro to Gerontology (3)
- GERON 400 Biogerontology (3)
- GERON 501 Culture Change in Long Term Care (1)
- GERON 502 Measuring Change in Long Term Care (1)
- GERON 503 Creating Home in Long Term Care (1)
- GERON 504 Strengthening Staff in Long Term Care (1)
- GERON 505 Dining in Long Term Care (1)
- GERON 506 Activities in Long Term Care (1)
- GERON 510 Aging in America: Policy & Advocacy (3)
- GERON 600 Seminar in Gerontology (3)
- GERON 605 Practicum in Gerontology (1-3)
- GERON 610 Seminar in Long-Term Care (3)
- GERON 615 Long-Term Care Internship (9)
- GERON 620 Problems in Gerontology (1-3)
- GERON 705 Sexuality and Aging (3)
- GERON 710 Creativity and Aging (3)
- GERON 715 Aging Veterans (3)
- GERON 720 Design for Aging in Mod. World (3)

**History**
- HIST 520 Death and Dying in History (3)
- HIST 534 Social History of Medicine (3)

**Human Development & Family Studies**
- HDFS 510 Human Development and Aging (3)
- CNRES 530 Coping with Life Crises (3)
- CNRES 537 Elder & Family Decision Making (3)
- CNRES 539 Grief/Loss Across the Lifespan (3)
- HDFS 654 Death and the Family (3)
- PFP 764 Estate Planning for Families (3)

**Kinesiology**
- KIN 335 Physiology of Exercise (3)

**Music, Theatre, and Dance**
- THTRE 664 Creative Drama (3)
- THTRE 665 Drama Ther./Spec. Populations (3)
- THTRE 675 Drama Therapy/Older Adults (3)

**Philosophy**
- PHILO 365 Medical Ethics (3)

**Psychological Sciences**
- PSYCH 518 Introduction to Health Psych (3)
- PSYCH 520 Life-Span Personality Dev. (3)
- PSYCH 715 Psychology of Aging (3)

**Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work**
- SOCIO 535 Population Dynamics (3)
- SOCIO 544 Social Gerontology (3)
- SOCWK 320 Dynamics of Working with Older Adults (3)

**Apparel, Textiles and Interior Design**
- ID 651 Design for Supportive Environ. (3)

**Foods, Nutrition, Dietetics & Health**
- FNDH 132 Basic Nutrition (3)
- FNDH 352 Personal Wellness (3)
- FNDH 400 Human Nutrition (3)
- FNDH 510 Life Span Nutrition (2)
- FNDH 720 Admin. Of Health Care Org. (3)

Other courses may be approved for gerontology credit on a case by case basis. Contact the Center on Aging advisor for more information at 785-532-5945 or gerontology@k-state.edu. See https://www.hhs.k-state.edu/aging/academics/ugrad/course-schedule.html for current course offerings.