

## WHAT CAN A MINOR OR GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GERONTOLOGY ADD TO YOUR HEALTH ADMINISTRATION DEGREE?

*UNC Charlotte offers an Undergraduate Minor and Graduate Certificate in Gerontology (with an [Early Entry](#) option)*

### WHAT IS GERONTOLOGY?

Gerontology is the study of longevity. Students of gerontology study not only physiological changes that occur with aging, but also social roles, normative expectations, attitudes and beliefs, stereotypes, and policy, health and economic issues which define the aging experience.

### HOW DOES GERONTOLOGY COMPLEMENT MY HEALTH ADMINISTRATION DEGREE?

The Graduate Certificate in Gerontology Program addresses the educational needs of MHA students who will be engaged in planning, administration, and provision of services for older people. The Certificate Program offers specialized preparation for a career in the expanding fields of gerontology and geriatrics. Given the increasing number of older individuals in our society, health administration professionals require current knowledge about the biological, health, psychosocial, economic, administrative, service delivery and social policy aspects of aging.

**WHAT UNC CHARLOTTE FACULTY SPECIALIZE IN THIS AREA AND WHAT ARE THEIR RESEARCH INTERESTS?**

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Primary health care; patient-centered medical home (PCMH); provider-patient communication; health care strategy.

**WHAT ARE SOME CAREER RESOURCES BEYOND UNC Charlotte?**

AARP

[www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)

Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education Careers in Aging

[www.careersinaging.com/careersinaging/](http://www.careersinaging.com/careersinaging/)

The Gerontological Society of America Careers in Gerontology

[www.geron.org/StudentOrg/careers.htm](http://www.geron.org/StudentOrg/careers.htm)

Southern Gerontological Society

<http://www.wfu.edu/gerontology/sgs/>

UNC Institute on Aging

<http://www.aging.unc.edu/>

Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA).

[www.aupha.org](http://www.aupha.org)

Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME)

[www.cahme.org](http://www.cahme.org)

American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE)

[www.ache.org](http://www.ache.org)

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