CHARLOTTE GERONTOLOGY

WHAT CAN STUDIES IN GERONTOLOGY ADD TO YOUR PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONS TRACK

UNC Charlotte offers an Undergraduate Minor and Graduate Certificate in Gerontology (with an <u>Early Entry</u> 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, policy, and health and economic issues which define the aging experience.

HOW DOES GERONTOLOGY COMPLEMENT MY PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONS TRACK

By the year 2030 we expect one out of five persons in American Society to be an older adult (aged 65 or older). From medicine, dentistry, and optometry to physical and occupational therapy and many other healthcare professions, older adults are part of most practitioners' patient populations. Successful wellness, prevention, and treatment strategies require a holistic approach that combines an understanding of the complex social and financial issues faced by older adults with knowledge of physiology and disease processes associated with aging.

WHAT ARE SOME CAREER RESOURCES BEYOND UNC Charlotte?

AARP

www.aarp.org

Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) Careers in Aging <u>https://www.geron.org/academy-for-gerontology-in-higher-education-aghe</u>

The Gerontological Society of America Careers in Gerontology https://agework.geron.org/

Exploring Careers in Aging https://exploringcareersinaging.com/

Southern Gerontological Society https://southerngerontologicalsociety.org/

UNC Institute on Aging <u>https://www.med.unc.edu/aging/</u>

American Geriatrics Society https://www.americangeriatrics.org/

American Society on Aging <u>https://www.asaging.org/</u>

LeadingAge https://leadingage.org/ Scan the QR code to go to the UNC Charlotte Gerontology Linktree



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