

## WHAT CAN GERONTOLOGY ADD TO YOUR HEALTH SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT DEGREE?

*UNC Charlotte offers an Undergraduate Minor, a Concentration in Gerontology with the Interdisciplinary BA, 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 SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT DEGREE?

Gerontology coursework is very useful for Health Systems Management (HSMT) students who will be engaged in the planning, administration, and provision of services for older people. HSMT students completing the Gerontology minor and/or Gerontology graduate certificate will receive 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. Additionally, students who complete the gerontology minor will graduate with 100 hours of experiential learning within our partnering community organizations.

**WHAT UNC CHARLOTTE FACULTY SPECIALIZE IN THIS AREA AND WHAT ARE**

**THEIR RESEARCH INTERESTS?**

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Aging; health disparities; chronic illness self-care; older women’s health; cardiovascular disease; illness beliefs; qualitative research methods; feminist perspective.

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

AARP

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

American Public Health Association (APHA)

<https://www.apha.org/>

Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education Careers in Aging

<https://www.geron.org/academy-for-gerontology-in-higher-education-aghe/>

Exploring Careers in Aging

<https://exploringcareersinaging.com/>

The Gerontological Society of America Careers in Gerontology

<https://agework.geron.org/>

Southern Gerontological Society

<https://southerngerontologicalsociety.org/>

UNC Institute on Aging

<https://www.med.unc.edu/aging/>

American Society on Aging

<https://www.asaging.org/>

LeadingAge

<https://leadingage.org/>

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