WHAT CAN GERONTOLOGY at UNCC ADD TO YOUR ENGLISH DEGREE?

UNC Charlotte offers an Undergraduate Minor, Graduate Certificate and Master’s Degree in Gerontology

WHAT IS GERONTOLOGY?

Gerontology is the study of aging and older adults. 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 ENGLISH DEGREE?

The English Department offers a BA, Graduate Certificates in Applied Linguistics and Technical Writing, and an MA in English with emphases in writing, language and literature. The Department offers several courses at both undergraduate and graduate levels that because of their focus on culture as seen in courses on language and literature, serve as electives to the Gerontology program. Older characters abound in Shakespeare, Faulkner, Morrison, Mosley, Dickens and Cormac McCarthy; classes such as Language Health and Aging focus on language analysis; professional writing courses show how to harness technology to target older readers and markets. The English degrees and certificates equip gerontologists with multiple skills.
WHAT UNC CHARLOTTE FACULTY SPECIALIZE IN THIS AREA AND WHAT ARE THEIR RESEARCH INTERESTS?

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WHAT ARE SOME CAREER RESOURCES BEYOND UNCC?

AARP
www.aarp.org
Association for Gerontology in Higher Education Careers in Aging
www.careersinaging.com/careersinaging/

The Gerontological Society of America Careers in Gerontology
www.geron.org/StudentOrg/careers.htm

Southern Gerontological Society
http://www.wfu.edu/gerontology/sgs/

UNC Institute on Aging
http://www.aging.unc.edu/

Scholarly journals include: Humanities and the Arts; Literature and Medicine; Journal of Medical Humanities; Communication and Medicine.

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