WHAT CAN GERONTOLOGY ADD TO YOUR HEALTH SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT 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 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?

Candace Brown, Ph.D., cbrow342@uncc.edu.
Aging and motivation to exercise using mixed methodologies.

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Formal and informal long-term care, healthy life expectancy for older people, public health preparedness for frail and disabled older populations, and access to primary health care for people in vulnerable groups.

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Access to health care for people in vulnerable groups, long-term care, healthy life expectancy, health disparities.

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

Jan Warren-Findlow, Ph.D., jwarren1@uncc.edu.
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

American Public Health Association (APHA)
http://www.apha.org/about/careers/

Academy 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/