WHAT CAN GERONTOLOGY at UNCC ADD TO YOUR HEALTH ADMINISTRATION 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 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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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.uncc.edu/
Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA).
www.aupha.org
Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME)
www.cahme.org
American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE)
www.ache.org

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