WHAT CAN GERONTOLOGY at UNCC ADD TO YOUR PSYCHOLOGY 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 PSYCHOLOGY DEGREE?

As the proportion of older adults continues to increase, clinical and counseling psychologists are continually treating an increasing number of older clients. This increase has brought about an increase in the proportion of research psychologists studying aging and memory, aging and personality, aging and social relationships, aging and work, aging and health, aging and law, aging and every area of Psychology. Whatever concentration you choose in Psychology, knowledge about Gerontology will play an important role and put you a step ahead of competitors.
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/

American Psychological Association Division on Adult Development and Aging
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