Why Pursue a Certificate in Gerontology?

Advance or Refocus Your Career
This broadly designed certificate approaches aging from a variety of perspectives, enabling you to develop programs for older adults; provide direct care; counsel and advise older persons and their families; and advocate for elders. You can prepare for work in assisted living centers, senior centers, community agencies, and businesses that work with or employ older adults.

Make a Difference
People who work in aging report satisfaction in addressing the challenges of those who are growing older, and enjoying the wit, wisdom and creativity of the older persons with whom they interact. (www.aghe.com)

Learn to positively influence agencies and organizations that serve older persons and the policies that affect their lives. You’ll develop the rewarding ability to provide active older adults with opportunities and vulnerable adults with considerate care and access.

Gerontology Graduate Certificate
This 12 credit graduate-level certificate will prepare you for success in working with a fast-growing population. You’ll obtain the knowledge and skills to pursue a wide variety of growing-demand positions working with older adults.

By the middle of the 21st Century, 1 in 5 Americans will be over the age of 65.
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This is a broadly-designed non-degree certificate focused on understanding a growing and vibrant population. The knowledge and skills you gain will improve your ability to serve and work alongside older adults. It is not a profession-specific certification or licensure and does not require a comprehensive exam. Course topics include health and psychosocial aspects of aging, community resources and social policy.

This flexible certificate is designed for individuals who hold or are pursuing a master’s degree in a different discipline or a professional designation (e.g. RN or MSW), or who have a bachelor’s degree in any discipline and several years of experience in a human service related occupation. Each required course is offered online at least once each year.

Certificate Courses—12 Credits

Required Courses
• GERO 560 Community Resources for the Elderly (3)
• GERO 625 Psychosocial Aspects of Aging (3)
• GERO 635 Social Policies for the Aging (3)
• GERO 640 Health Aspects of Gerontology (3)

A Head Start on a Master’s Degree

All courses completed in this program apply toward the UNC Master of Arts in Gerontology. You may apply for the Master of Arts at any time during your certificate program, and upon acceptance you’ll have a 12 credit head start toward the master’s degree.

Get Started

You can begin courses for the online certificate each Fall or Spring semester. Contact the Gerontology program to find out application deadlines for each term.

Acceptance into the certificate program requires that you meet minimum requirements for admission into the UNC Graduate School, with a GPA of 3.0 or better in your most recent 60 semester hours of college work.

How to Apply

Step 1 Contact the Gerontology Program.
Step 2 Submit Application Materials to the UNC Graduate School.
• Completed Graduate School Application – under Degree Title list “Gerontology Certificate”
• Two (2) official copies of your college transcripts
• One (1) letter of recommendation – academic or professional
• Statement of Interest – for details visit www.unco.edu/nhs/gerontology > choose the certificate program > choose How to Apply

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