



Minor in Gerontology

The minor in gerontology is for students who may not work directly with older adults but are interested in preparing themselves for the upcoming demographic shift in the US and worldwide. The minor consists of six courses in gerontology. Students are required to take three courses in gerontology (*Introduction to Gerontology, Programs and Services, and Psychology of Adult Development and Aging*). The other three courses are selected by the student. Application for the minor is made through a student's major department/college (e.g., Arts and Sciences). The minor is available at UNO and in select colleges on the UN-L campus.

Certificate in Gerontology

The certificate is like a minor but is designed for students wanting direct experience working with the older population. Students pursuing the certificate are from such disciplines as recreational therapy, social work, physical/occupational therapy and nursing. The certificate is comprised of five courses in gerontology plus a practicum in an aging setting. Students must apply directly to the Gerontology Department for the certificate. Graduate students pursuing a graduate certificate are required to apply to both the department and UNO Graduate Studies. Graduate students are also required to complete Gero 9110 - *Applied Social Gerontology*. An application is available at http://www.unomaha.edu/gero/documents/certificate_application.pdf. Students at UNO, UN-L, and UNMC can pursue the certificate at either the undergraduate or graduate level.

Master of Arts in Social Gerontology (Thesis & Non-Thesis Options)

The Master of Arts (M.A.) in Social Gerontology is designed to help meet the educational needs of two principal groups: those seeking to develop research skills by following the thesis track and those wanting to gain a more sophisticated knowledge about aging through graduate course work and direct practice through the non-thesis option. The thesis option is designed for mid-career professionals who wish to gain additional knowledge and insight from research in the field of gerontology, to interpret the research critically, and who may wish to be prepared to conduct research on their own. The non-thesis track provides those practitioners working with older adults and those wishing to work with elders in some capacity the necessary educational support to be able to understand normal and abnormal age related changes. The training will also allow students to design, implement and evaluate programming for elders and their families. Students can apply for the non-thesis option beginning with the Fall, 2011 semester. Please contact the department for an application.

Doctoral Specialization in Gerontology

The doctoral specialization in gerontology is offered by Family and Consumer Sciences of the College of Education and Human Sciences at UN-L and the Department of Gerontology at UNO, in conjunction with the Graduate College of the University of Nebraska. Students work with faculty on both the Omaha and Lincoln campuses. For more information, please contact the department.

For more information about offerings through the Gerontology Department, please call 402-554-2272 in Omaha, 402-472-0754 in Lincoln or visit our website at <http://gero.unomaha.edu/>.