

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

GERONTOLOGY

Gerontology focuses on the study of aging processes and the challenges associated with aging, including physical, psychological, and social aspects. It aims to improve the quality of life and promote the well-being of older adults through research, policy, and practice.

COMMON JOB TITLES

* additional education or certification required post graduation

ENTRY & MID LEVEL POSITIONS

Activity Director

Estate Planner*

Community Outreach Coordinator

Program Manager

Nursing & Home Health Aide

Patient Advocate

Gerontologist*

Physical Therapist*

Registered Nurse*

Occupational Therapist*

Social Services Assistant

Social Worker*

Case Manager

Healthcare Administrator

AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT: WHERE DO GERONTOLOGY MAJORS TYPICALLY WORK?

Hospitals: Nebraska Medicine, CHI Health, Methodist Hospital

Nursing Homes: Brookstone Village, The Lighthouse, Montclair

Assisted Living Facilities: Esprit Whispering Edge, Heritage Pointe, CountryHouse

Nonprofit Organizations: Aging Partners, Eastern NE Office on Aging

Public Health Organizations: Live Well Omaha, OPS Health Services, Charles Drew

Government: NE Dept. of Aging & Disability, NE DHHS, NE Dept. of VA

Colleges & Universities: UNO, UNMC, Metro CC

Rehabilitation Centers: Madonna, Immanuel, Life Care Center Omaha

Mental Health Clinics: Omaha Integrative Care, Psychiatric Associates

Corporate Wellness Programs: Blue Cross Blue Shield, OPPD, ConAgra

IMPORTANT QUALITIES:

Transferable Skills Gained:

Problem-solving

Communication

Organizational skills

Interpersonal skills

Analytical skills

Concrete Skills Gained:

Microsoft Office

SPSS/R

Google Suite

Zoom

Google Scholar

HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS :

Join **Sigma Phi Omega** or another **UNO Student Organization** to advance your leadership, professionalism, and communication skills

Attend **UNO Department of Gerontology Lecture Series** or other events to hear from professionals & apply your learning outside of the classroom

Get involved in the **CAPACITY Lab** or other research lab to gain hands on experiences and collaborate with faculty

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MAJOR + MINOR SPECIALIZATION: HOW CAN I SPECIALIZE IN SOMETHING BEFORE I GRADUATE?

Gerontology + Public Health minor = Program Director

Gerontology + Sociology minor = Geriatric Social Worker*

Gerontology + Molecular and Biomedical Biology minor = Physical Therapist*

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OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK:

Community Outreach Coordinators

Registered Nurses

Social Workers

Nursing & Home Health Aides

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Check out daily job postings on **Handshake** related to accounting jobs, internships, and opportunities to boost your student experience

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION:

A **Masters degree** or **Doctoral Degree** may be beneficial after graduation depending on your desired career path. Advanced degrees offer opportunities for advanced study, specialization, and development

More information:

UNO Gerontology Graduate Programs

UNO Graduate Programs A-Z

OTHER RESOURCES :

UNO Department of Gerontology

Career Exploration in Career Services

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Occupational Outlook Handbook


NEED SOME EXTRA HELP?


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Book an appointment with your Advisor

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