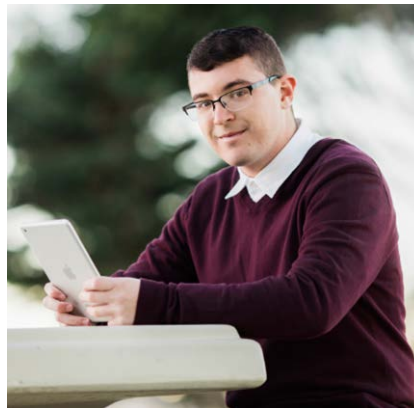




UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA GERONTOLOGY

Do You Have The Cour**AGE** to Care?



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My today started when I realized I could get my certificate in Gerontology while simultaneously completing my bachelor's degree in Family Studies.

I knew for a long time that I wanted to work in a career where I could help others. I cared for my grandparents as they got older, and it made me want to do the same for others. Our older generations have paved the way for us, and I want to give back to them.

Registering for my final semester of college at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, my adviser told me about the Certificate in Gerontology from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. I could earn the certificate online while completing my undergraduate degree – the professors were very accommodating, and the one-on-one interaction was great. Now I'm working with seniors in a nursing home, helping them adapt to their new life, and the skills I gained from my certificate coursework has enabled me to be a better social worker. I'm doing what I wanted to do.