



What Can I Do With a Major in... **Gerontology**

What is Gerontology?

These programs are designed to prepare people for working with the aged in a variety of settings including senior centers and health care facilities, such as nursing homes, retirement homes, hospitals, and clinics. Programs include course work from a variety of disciplines including human services, health sciences, sociology, biology, nursing, anthropology and psychology where you will study age-status and age-roles in American society, cross-cultural comparisons, intergenerational conflict, other age-related behaviors, the study of the health and wellness of older adults, the psychology of adulthood and aging, and the anatomy and physiology processes of aging.

Potential Employers:

- ❖ Health Care Facilities
- ❖ Recreational Centers
- ❖ Nursing Homes
- ❖ Rehabilitation Centers
- ❖ Department of Social Services
- ❖ Adult Education Centers
- ❖ Mental Health Care Facilities
- ❖ Community Affairs Offices
- ❖ Law Enforcement

Possible Job Titles:

- ❖ Alcohol and Drug Treatment Counselor
- ❖ Community Affairs Representative
- ❖ Community organization Worker
- ❖ Gerontologist
- ❖ Health Service Administrator

- ❖ Houseparent
- ❖ Mediators
- ❖ Medical Social Worker
- ❖ Mental Health Counselor
- ❖ Parole Officer
- ❖ Psychologists
- ❖ Social Service Aides
- ❖ Social Worker

- ❖ Workforce Development Specialist
- ❖ Professor
- ❖ Certified Nursing Assistant
- ❖ Women's Development Specialist
- ❖ Human Service Assistant

How This Major Helps You Move Forward:

Skilled I've Learned in this Major:

- ❖ Analyze and understand different types of human behavior.
- ❖ Be able to help the aging and disabled.
- ❖ Help family members cope with the ability to be self-sufficient and independent.
- ❖ Help the elderly understand the process of anatomical and physiological processes of aging.
- ❖ Assist with the intergenerational conflicts related to aging behaviors and wellness.

Additional Information can be found at:

www.assist.org
www.salary.com
www.uncw.edu/career/WhatCanIDoWithaMajorIn.html
www.cacareerzone.org
www.lamission.edu/careercenter

CSU/UC Related Transfer majors (BA/BS):

- ❖ **SDSU:** Gerontology B.A.
- ❖ **CSU San Marcos:** Human Development B.A. - Concentration in Adult and Gerontology Services
- ❖ **CSU Channel Islands:** Health Science B.S. - Gerontology Option
- ❖ **CSU East Bay:** Human Development B.A. - Adult Development and Gerontology Option
- ❖ ... and more!

Go to www.assist.org to see universities that offer these majors

Graduate Degree Options (MA/MS):

- ❖ **UCLA:** Social Welfare MSW/Ph.D
- ❖ **CSU LA:** Social Work MSW
- ❖ **CSU Long Beach:** Gerontology MS

This is **general information**. For specific information on majors and careers please see a counselor in the Career Center – Claudia Ramirez (818) 833-3403; careercenter@lamission.edu