



GERONTOLOGY

University of Northern Iowa College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

<https://csbs.uni.edu/sahs/gerontology>

ABOUT THE MAJOR

Gerontology is the study of aging. This major focuses on individuals as they grow through the later years of life along with the physical, mental, and social changes they experience. Gerontologists help to improve the well-being of individuals and their families through research, education, and knowledge of the aging population. UNI offers two tracks of study within this major: long term care administration and social sciences.

SAMPLE COURSEWORK

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| Medical Terminology | Social Services for Older Adults |
| Families and End of Life Issues | Psychology of Aging |
| Long Term Care Administration | Social Gerontology |

POSSIBLE CAREERS *some titles may require further education

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| Hospital/Nursing Home Aide | Grief Counselor | Occupational Therapist | Home Health Aide |
| Residential Retirement Community Staff | Health Education | Non-profit Work | Respite Care |
| Community Senior Center Director | Case Management | Rehabilitation Specialist | Hospice Director |
| Registered Nurse | Social Worker | Activities Director | Geriatric Research |

UNI GRADUATES: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

- Western Home Communities
- University of Northern Iowa
- Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging
- ABCM Corporation
- NewAldaya Lifescapes
- Care Initiatives
- Meth-Wick Community
- Amerigroup
- Friendship Village Retirement Community
- Prairie Vista Village
- Accura HealthCare
- Robin Wellness Center
- Windstar Lines, Inc.
- Sigourney Health Care and Assisted Living
- Cedar Valley Community Support
- KPMG US
- Allen College
- The Shores at Pleasant Hill
- American Enterprise



SKILLS NEEDED

- Interpersonal Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Decision Making
- Management
- Problem Solving
- Written and Oral Communication
- Program Management
- Group Facilitation
- Creativity
- Cultural/Diversity Sensitivity
- Supervising

HOLLAND CODES

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