



Consider Gerontology



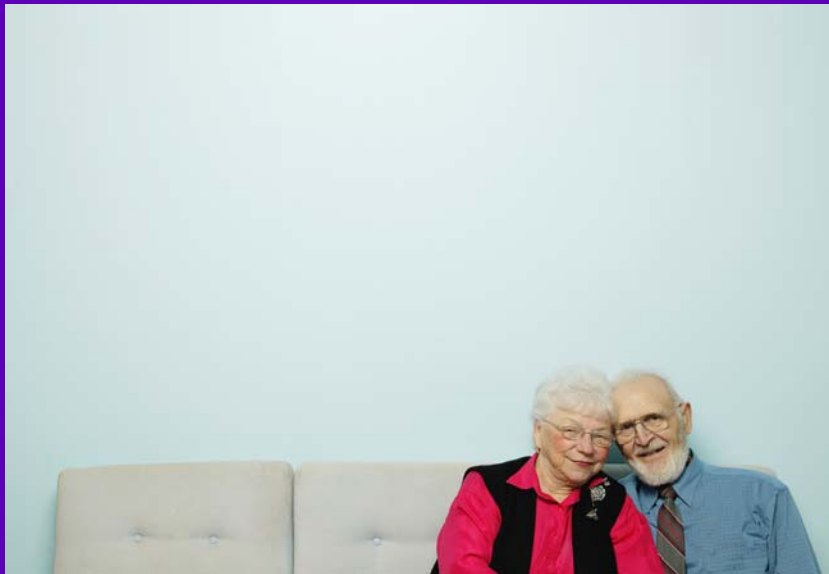


Why?

- Aging of populations
- Growing need in Gerontology areas
- Diverse and challenging opportunities
- Multidisciplinary opportunities
- High job satisfaction
- Make a difference



Statistics



- A Profile of Older Americans (2005)
 - 36.8 million Americans are over age 65
 - 1:8 Americans or 12.4% of the US population is 65+
 - Population segment age 45-64 has increased by 40%

http://aoa.gov/press/fact/pdf/ss_stat_profile.pdf



In our aging society, there is a growing need for ...

- professionals who have specialized knowledge and skill in gerontology
- professionals who have completed college-level courses in the study of aging





Careers with an emphasis on elders will be in high demand

- Interior Design
- Nutrition
- Nurses/Medical Doctors
- Community Design and Programs
- Hotel/Restaurant Management
- Travel Agents



The list of possibilities are endless...



So take a few classes...





Gerontology-Related Classes Offered at K-State

Human Ecology

GERON 315 Introduction to Gerontology
GERON 600 Seminar in Gerontology
GERON 605 Practicum in Gerontology
GERON 610 Seminar in Long-Term Care
GERON 615 Internship in Long-Term Care
GERON 620 Problems in Gerontology
GERON 630 Mental Health and Aging

Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design

IDH 651 Designing Supportive Environments
IDH 710 Housing and Facilities Mgmt Proc/App.

Kinesiology

KIN 335 Physiology of Exercise

Social Work

SOCWK 310 Topics in Social Work: Dynamics of Working with Older Adults
SOCWK 566 Social Work in Aging Services

Sociology

SOCIO 535 Population Dynamics

Philosophy

PHILO 365 Medical Ethics

Horticulture

HORT 525 Horticulture for Special Populations

Family Studies and Human Services

FSHS 510 Human Development and Aging
FSHS 654 Death and the Family
FSHS 764 Estate Planning for Families
FSHS 770 Economics of Aging
FSHS 778 Aging and the Family
FSHS 779 Professional Seminar in Gerontology
FSHS 845 Adult Development and Aging

Plus...



More Gerontology-Related Classes Offered at K-State

Speech Communication, Theatre and Dance

THTRE 665 Drama Therapy with Special Populations
THTRE 675 Drama Therapy with Older Adults
THTRE 760 Principles of Drama Therapy

Biology

BIOL 404 Biology of Aging

Architecture

ARCH 730 Environment and Aging
ARCH 740 Building Related Health and Safety

History

HIST 520 Death and Dying in History
HIST 534 Social History of Medicine

Women's Studies

WOMST 500 Topics: Women and Aging

Human Nutrition

HN 132 Basic Nutrition
HN 352 Personal Wellness
HN 400 Human Nutrition
HN 510 Life Span Nutrition
HN 644 Women, Aging and Health
HN 650 Practicum in Human Nutrition
HN 718 Physical Health and Aging

Regional and Community Planning

PLAN 315 Introduction to Planning
PLAN 715 Planning Principles and Process
PLAN 761 Community Development Workshop

Psychology

PSYCH 518 Introduction to Health Psychology
PSYCH 520 Life-Span Personality Development



Additional Gerontology Classes

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KIN 335 Physiology of Exercise

Interior Architecture

IAR 730 Facility Management

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<http://www.k-state.edu/gerontology/pdfs/GeronStudiesOptions.pdf>



Or complete a Gerontology degree





Kansas State University

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Educational Opportunities at K-State

○ Academic Programs

- KSU offers three programs to allow students the opportunity to integrate knowledge received in their major professional disciplines with a program of academic study and field experience in gerontology.
 - Online Masters in Gerontology
 - Online Certificate in Gerontology
 - Secondary Major in Gerontology
 - Secondary Major / Emphasis in Long-Term Care Administration

<http://www.ksu.edu/gerontology/acapro.htm>



Where do gerontology professionals work?

Community and
Human Services

Health Care

Retirement
Communities

Federal, State, &
Local Agencies

Religious
Organizations

Business and
Industry

Professional
Organizations

Academic,
Educational, &
Research



Types of Work in Gerontology

- Advocates of elders
- Long-term health care
- Leisure, recreation, travel services
- Adult day care
- Adult Protective Services
- Home Care Managers
- Educational Programs
- Retirement Housing
- Counseling, social case work
- Education and research



Tomorrow's Jobs

- **Education and health services** is projected to grow faster than average – 30.6%
 - 3:10 new jobs created will be in healthcare and social assistance
- **Healthcare and social assistance** including private hospitals, nursing and residential care facilities will grow by 30.3%

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/oco2003.htm>



Median salary (2006) outlook and educational requirements

- **Social Assistants** – Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides; jobs numerous
 - \$9.00-12.00/hour - some require high school diploma, others not, some require certification, training or experience
- **Social Workers** – faster growth than average
 - \$43,500 – Bachelor's minimum/Master's standard
- **Social & Human Service Assistants** - much faster growth than average, job opportunities excellent
 - \$25,500 - experience/education beyond high school

http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm#b29-0000



Median salary (2006) outlook and educational requirements

- Occupational Therapist Assistant – growth much faster than average
 - \$42,000 - Associates/Certificate
- Occupational Therapist Aides – growth much faster than average
 - \$25,000 – on-the-job training
- Physician Assistant – outlook good
 - \$74,900 - most applicants for education programs have Bachelor's or Master's degrees



Median salary (2006) outlook and educational requirements

- **Social Scientists, other** – medium outlook, keen competition
 - \$25,000 – Bachelor's
 - \$37,000 – Master's
 - \$45,000 – Ph.D.
 - \$54,000 – Experienced with advanced degree
- **Medical and Health Services Managers** - growing fastest in practitioners' offices and in home healthcare services
 - \$73,000 -- Bachelor's adequate/ Master's standard



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What are
you waiting
for?



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