

GERONTOLOGY ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Gerontology, the study of aging and older adults, is a dynamic, interdisciplinary field that prepares students for a variety of careers in one of the largest growing areas in the 21st century workplace.

The mission of the Gerontology Academic Program (GAP) at the University of Nevada, Reno is to engage and serve our community while continually shaping the future of the gerontological workforce through high-quality education in gerontology for undergraduate students and community professionals to better support the rapidly aging populations of Nevada and the United States.

Through faculty advising that encourages critical thinking, service learning, research and innovation, student scholars are prepared to apply theoretical knowledge to practical, age-related issues and opportunities to support a growing population of older adults.



The GAP is one of the 13 programs nationwide with the distinction as a Program of Merit by the Academy of Gerontology in Higher Education. The GAP is part of the Sanford Center for Aging in the School of Medicine, and offers both a 24-credit Certificate and an 18-credit Minor in Gerontology.

Everyday, 10,000 Americans turn 65. No matter what your career, you'll have an opportunity to work with this population. Here are just a few career paths that would be enhanced by a Certificate or Minor in gerontology:

- Health Care
- Nutrition
- Engineering
- Speech Pathology and Audiology
- Social Services
- Business
- Architecture
- Nutrition
- Public Health
- Journalism
- Government Affairs
- Recreation and Leisure Services
- Nursing
- Law
- Business
- Public Administration



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