



# The Graduate School

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

## Gerontology

Master of Science (MS) in Nonprofit Management

### Overview

The Graduate School offers graduate work leading to a Master of Science in gerontology with a Nonprofit Management Certificate. The UNCG Gerontology Program focuses on applied research that investigates the interdisciplinary connections among aging and the growing demand for trained professional in public service at the local, state and federal agencies. UNCG is one of the few academic institutions in the United States in which the linkages among business and aging research and education are being actively pursued--and are nationally recognized.

### Requirements for the Master of Science in Gerontology with Nonprofit Management Concentration

#### Required Core Courses (28 hours)

GRO 501	Seminar: Critical Issues of Aging (3)
GRO 600	Proseminar in Gerontology (1)
GRO 620	Research Methods in Gerontology (3)
GRO 621	Health and Aging (3)
GRO 649	Gerontology Internship or Research Experience I (3)
GRO 651	Integrative Seminar in Gerontology (3)
GRO 679	Gerontology Internship or Research Experience II (3)
ERM 617	Statistical Methods in Education (3) or STA 571 Statistical Methods for Research I (3) and STA 571L Statistical Methods for Research I (1)
PSC 540	Nonprofit Management and Leadership (3)
PSC 550	Philanthropy and Resource Development (3)

#### Choice Requirements (3 hours)

PSC 511F Problems in Public Management: Financial Management (1)  
or PSC 511R Problems in Public Management: Nonprofit Budgets (1)

#### Students must choose two of the following:

PSC 511B Problems in Public Management: Marketing for Public and Nonprofit Agencies (1)  
PSC 511D Problems in Public Management: Strategic Planning (1)  
PSC 511G Problems in Public Management: Grant Writing (1)  
PSC 511N Problems in Public Management: Nonprofit Law (1)

#### Electives (9 hours)

Elective courses are selected with faculty advisement to permit tailoring of the program of study to the student's specific interests. With faculty consultation, students select 12 hours of elective courses at the 500- or 600-level with at least 3 credit hours in political science and 3 credit hours in gerontology. Other possible electives include courses in business administration, counseling, human development and family studies, public health education, and/or social work.

#### Practicum Requirement (3 hours)

GRO 679 Advanced Gerontology Practicum/Supervised Research (3)

With advisement of faculty in the Gerontology Program, students select an appropriate structured setting as an experiential learning activity within a public or nonprofit agency. The practicum will provide students with practical experience in the ongoing operations of an agency of government or in an organization engaged in public affairs activities serving the elderly or addressing the needs of an aging society.

### **Thesis Option (1-6 hours)**

GRO 699 Thesis (1-6)

With faculty approval, students who are interested in exploring a specific research problem in depth may choose to complete a thesis. Students must register for up to six (6) hours of thesis.

## **Requirements for Admission**

In addition to the admission materials required by The Graduate School, applicants to the M.S. in Gerontology with nonprofit management concentration must apply simultaneously to the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in nonprofit management offered by the Department of Political Science and submit a personal essay elaborating on the applicant's experience and/or interest in gerontology. Applicants have the choice of submitting scores from either the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or the Millers Analogies Test (MAT).

Applicants who wish to be considered for the gerontology with nonprofit management concentration assistantship must submit their application by March 15.

## **Faculty**

### **Program Director:**

**Janice I. Wassel, Ph.D.**

Demography; financial resources and the aging family; retirement decisions of professionals, women, and married couples; caregiving and family systems (Gerontology and The Graduate School).

### **Associate Director:**

**Neal E. Cutler, Ph.D.**

Financial gerontology, business and aging, wealth/wealth interactions, aging and social policy, professional-practitioner education, age-period-cohort analysis, survey research (Gerontology and The Graduate School).

### **Interdisciplinary Faculty and Advisors:**

#### *Professors*

**Beth E. Barba, Ph.D.**

Human/animal interactions with older adults, Eden Alternative (team care delivery, animals and children) in nursing homes, failure to thrive in older adults (School of Nursing).

**Laurie M. Kennedy-Malone, Ph.D.**

Community-gerontological nursing (School of Nursing).

**Jane E. Myers, Ph.D.**

Gerontological counseling, adult development, developmental counseling, wellness, clinical assessment, adult children of older adults (Department of Counseling and Educational Development).

**William L. Tullar, Ph.D.**

Knowledge management, human resource metrics, and employee selection (Department of Business Administration).

#### *Associate Professors*

**Jennifer Etnier, Ph.D.**

Physical activity and mental health (Department of Exercise and Sport Science).

**Virginia A. Hinton, Ph.D.**

Normal speech pathology (Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders).

**Kenneth A. Klase, D.P.A.**

Public administration, public budgeting and finance, public financial management (Department of Political Science).

**Sudha Shreeniwas, Ph.D.**

Gender and family issues among seniors in India and among ethnic groups in the U.S. (Department of Human Development and Family Studies).

**Martha Taylor, Ph.D.**

Nutritional health and needs of older adults, health promotion/disease prevention, nutrition education (Department of Nutrition).

#### *Visiting Associate Professors*

**Michele Haber, M.P.H., M.D.**

Individual geriatric assessment and improvement, staff and program development for long-term care facilities and other organizations serving seniors (Department of Public Health Education).

**A. Frank Johns, J.D.**

Elder law, multidisciplinary ethics impacting community, advance litigation strategies, guardianship and fiduciary responsibilities relating to older adults.

#### *Assistant Professors*

**Olav Ruppell, Ph.D.**

Life history and behavior of social insects, aging and genetics of complex traits (Department of Biology).

#### *Adjunct Instructors*

**Anne R. Daniel, M.A.**

Medicare and Medicaid, health policy, medical care costs and the health insurance industry affecting older adults and families (Department of Public Health Education).

**Sandra Leak, M.H.A.**

Comparative long term care policy at the community and state level (Department of Public Health Education).



Contacts:  
Dr. Janice Wassel  
Department of Gerontology  
124 McIver Bldg  
Greensboro, NC 27402  
(336) 256-1020  
www.uncg.edu/gro  
or  
The Graduate School  
241 Mossman Building  
1202 Spring Garden St  
Greensboro, NC 27412  
(336) 334-5596  
www.uncg.edu/grs