



What can I do with a Major in...

Major: Applied Gerontology

O*net Outlook Link to Career Titles

[Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists](#) InDemand

[Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists](#) InDemand

[Occupational Therapists](#) InDemand

[Medical and Health Services Managers](#) InDemand

[Medical and Public Health Social Workers](#) InDemand

[Managers, All Other](#)

Additional Job Titles:

Executive Director - Assisted Living

Director of Community Relations

Personal Care Manager

Knowledge:

Psychology

Customer and Personal Service

Therapy and Counseling

English Language

Sociology and Anthropology

Education and Training

Skills:

Active Listening

Writing

Reading Comprehension

Social Perceptiveness

Speaking

Critical Thinking

Coordination

Time Management

Service Orientation

Active Learning

Abilities:

Oral Comprehension

Oral Expression

Problem Sensitivity

Inductive Reasoning

Deductive Reasoning

Speech Clarity

Speech Recognition

Written Comprehension

Written Expression

Near Vision

Links:

[Administration on Aging](#)

[American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging](#)

[American Health Care Association](#)

[Association for Gerontology in Higher Education](#)

[The Center for Social Gerontology](#)

[The Gerontological Society of America](#)

[International Association of Gerontology](#)

[National Council on Aging](#)

[National Institute on Aging](#)

Description of Coursework:

As an applied gerontology major at UNT, you will study the physical, psychological and social aspects of growing older in America. You also will become familiar with government programs and institution- and

community-based services for the elderly in the United States. Other courses focus on topics such as the psychology of death and dying, the family in later life, and leisure and aging.

UNT's applied gerontology faculty members research aging and developmental disabilities, older employees, community-based programs for the elderly, and international aging. Faculty members are actively involved in developing services for older people in Denton and other communities. Faculty from the departments of psychology; sociology; and kinesiology, health promotion and recreation also teach courses in applied gerontology. <http://www.unt.edu/pais/insert/usdag.htm>

General information on Careers in the Major:

The populations of Texas, the United States and the world are growing older. As of the year 2000, more than 36 million Americans were 65 years old or older. As a professional in applied gerontology, you will be prepared to respond to older Americans' needs for specialized health care, housing, long-term care and other services.

With a UNT degree with a major in applied gerontology, you may work in a nursing home or residential retirement center, or in a city or county senior citizens program such as the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program or Foster Grandparents. You also may work for a home health care agency or hospice that serves older people. Or you may work for a government agency such as the Social Security Administration in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

To advance in the field of applied gerontology, you may want to earn a master's degree, as have many graduates of the Department of Applied Gerontology who are now directors of large retirement communities in Texas and other states. Alumni of the master's degree program also include the president of the Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, a past president of the American Association of Homes for the Aging and the executive director of the American Seniors Housing Association.

UNT's Career Services office can help you prepare to pursue your career. The office has information about jobs and employers, and it assists with resume and letter writing, job search strategies and interview preparation. <http://careercenter.unt.edu/>

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