



# AGING STUDIES

LONG-TERM CARE  
ADMINISTRATION

HEALTH & HEALTH  
CARE

HUMAN & SOCIAL  
SERVICES

ADVOCACY &  
POLICY

Minnesota State Mankato's innovative Aging Studies program prepares students to have a meaningful impact on society by supporting individuals as they age. Our program encompasses the biological, social and psychological aspects of aging, providing students with a broad and versatile background with which to serve older adults. We encourage our students to customize their coursework based on their personal career goals, and we help them find real-world learning opportunities to ensure that they reach those goals.

## DEGREES OFFERED

- Aging Studies, Minor
- Aging Studies for Nursing, Minor
- Long-Term Care Administration, Certificate
- Aging Studies, M.S.
- Long-Term Care Administration, Graduate Certificate
- Aging Studies, Graduate Certificate

## REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES

- Chelsey Center on Aging
- Palliative Care Conference
- Dementia Care Conference
- Community collaborations
- Internships

## EMPLOYERS

- Aging research and policy institutes
- Assisted living communities
- Advocacy groups
- Case management
- Community organizations
- Counseling
- Elder law
- State and government agencies
- HMOs
- Hospitals
- Lifelong health programs
- Long term insurance companies
- Marketing
- Mental health
- Older adult housing
- Pharmaceutical companies
- Transportation

## CAREERS

- Nurse
- Nurse navigator
- Geriatric social worker
- Geriatric case manager
- Volunteer coordinator
- Program coordinator
- Activities director
- Nursing home administrator
- Policy analyst
- Geriatrician
- Director of wellness
- Health educator
- Executive director

## SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Critical thinking
- Problem-solving
- Written and verbal communication
- Research and analysis
- Leadership
- Program planning, administration and evaluation
- Advocacy



BY 2050, ONE IN FIVE AMERICANS WILL BE OVER THE AGE OF 65.\*

CAREER FIELDS ARE EXPECTED TO GROW BETWEEN 11 AND 38% BY 2028\*\*

**GROWING DEMAND FOR AGING-RELATED SERVICES**

Older adults are becoming a larger and larger part of our society. As a result, our economy will need to provide more and more aging-related services in the coming years. This means that for individuals who are interested in working with older adults, career opportunities will be readily available for the foreseeable future.

**HIGH-PAYING CAREERS**

In addition to a rewarding career, these careers pay well. The average annual income for these careers is \$56,286, but some pay an average of almost \$100,000 a year.

\*Pew Research Center  
\*\*Bureau of Labor Statistics

**SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM (AGING STUDIES MINOR)**

<b>CORE</b>	<b>HEALTH CORE</b>
Choose 3 credits GERO 200 Family Dynamics of Aging (3) GERO 200W Family Dynamics of Aging (3)	Choose 3 credits ANTH 421W Health, Culture, and Disease (3) BIOL 417 Biology of Aging and Chronic Diseases (3) HLTH 455 Health and Aging (3)
<b>SOCIAL &amp; BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE CORE</b>	<b>ELECTIVE CREDITS</b>
Choose 6 credits ANTH 436W Anthropology of Aging (3) PSYC 466 Psychology of Aging (4) SOC 404 Sociology of Aging (3) SOC 405 Sociology of Death (3) SOWK 419 Social Work and Aging (3)	Choose 6 credits FCS 474 Community Resources and Family Support (3) GERO 450 Innovations in Aging Policy (3) GERO 480 Nursing Home Administration (3) GERO 485 Topics in Gerontology (1-3) GERO 499 Individual Study in Gerontology (1-4) HLTH 441 Death Education (3) PRLS 482 Leisure and Older Adults (3)
<b>REQUIRED INTERNSHIP</b>	
Choose 3 credits GERO 497 Internship (1-6) GERO 498 Practicum: Nursing Home Administration (1-6)	