

Alfred University

McComsey Career Development Center

CAREERS IN...GERONTOLOGY

The Field

Careers in gerontology include activities that are focused directly or indirectly on the study and/or care of older persons. This program prepares students for occupations that involve direct care or interaction with the aging population, or careers related to teaching, research, policy development, program development, advocacy, administration, law, and analysis of aging policy and aging issues.

Sample Job Titles

- Senior center director
- Recreation leader
- Employment counselor
- Lawyer
- Geriatric nurse
- Legislative correspondent
- Social worker
- Community service administrator
- Intake interviewer
- Advocate
- Consultant/advisor to businesses
- Family counselor
- Health care team director
- Volunteer coordinator
- Professor
- Scientist/Researcher
- Estate planning advisor
- Adult day care provider

Our Graduates...where are they now?

In the past few years, graduates have gone on to employment as...

Director of Business – Lupus Connections International
Psychiatric Registered Nurse – Four Winds Hospital
Legal Clerk/Intern – Mental Health Hygiene Legal Services
Social Worker – Brothers of Mercy Rehabilitation Center
Administrative Assistant – Boston Business Journal

and have attended graduate school at...

Sage Graduate School (Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner)
Ball State University (Community Counseling)
St. Joseph's College (Gerontology)
University of Massachusetts (Gerontology and Social Policy)

Alumni who graduated several years ago are currently employed as:

Nurse Practitioner – Mercy Care/St. James Hospital
Property Manager – CASCAP, Inc., MA
Research/Teaching Assistant – UMASS, MA
Counselor – Benjamin Rush Center
Associate Director of Programs and Services – Alzheimer's Association of North Eastern NY
Evaluation Assistant – Families in Recovery
Social Worker/Discharge Planner – Greenfield Health & Rehab Center

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Get Experience on Campus

Try to get involved, and assume positions of leadership, in campus activities or organizations related to your area of interest. Some campus organizations, clubs, or offices through which you can gain relevant experience include:

- Habitat for Humanity
- SVCA (Student Volunteers for Community Action)
- APO (Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity)
- Students for Social Change
- Women's Issues Coalition

Where to go from here?

- Individual career counseling for anything from choosing a major to getting a job
- Saxon JobLink web services (www.alfred.edu/cdc) to view jobs and internships, post a resume and more
- Saxon Career Volunteer network – Speak to alumni in your field
- Web resources: we recommend www.gerontologistjobs.com
- Choices CT computerized program for searching graduate schools