

Aging and Longevity Studies

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Career Advancement

The Aging and Longevity Studies Program minor or graduate certificate is an important asset for employment in any field. Working with an aging population and the issues affecting them will be increasingly important as the population of older adults also rises.

Among the organizations that have hired University of Iowa students and alumni are assisted living centers, retirement communities, senior centers, long-term care organizations, hospice centers, elder services, state government, businesses, advocacy organizations, and athletic clubs.

Areas of employment for individuals with specializations in aging and longevity studies include the following.

- State and local government agencies: State Department on Aging and Area Agency on Aging. All departments will be affected by population aging, even if they do not specialize in working with older adults, such as transportation, energy, housing, human services, small business supports, and veterans services, among others.
- Nonprofit organizations: senior centers, the American Association of Retired Persons (national, regional, and state offices), and Exploritas/Elderhostels (travel options for older adults).
- Social service organizations: Meals on Wheels, congregate meal sites, heating assistance programs, and transportation.
- Private corporations: human resources departments.