

About Montclair State University

Since its founding in 1908, Montclair State University has had a rich history of innovation, distinction, and growth. Montclair State, a vital educational force, is ranked as one of the top universities in the region. Graduates from Montclair State University are well equipped with the skills needed to respond to today's dynamic environment, as well as future challenges and opportunities.

About the College of Education and Human Services

With a more than 100-year tradition of excellence and educational leadership, the College of Education and Human Services offers several advantages for those pursuing their bachelor's degree:

- Outstanding and innovative programs in the education and human services fields with nationally-recognized faculty and accreditation;
- Program faculty and staff dedicated to meeting the unique needs of our student population;
- Facilities that are on the cutting edge of learning and technology, including University Hall, the College's home, and the largest and most sophisticated building in the University's history.



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College of Education and Human Services

Overview

Gerontology is a field of study that examines the social, cultural, psychological, and physical changes associated with aging. The Bachelor of Arts degree in Family and Child Studies, Concentration in Gerontology, prepares students for careers working in various settings.

In this program, students learn about family development, relationships, dynamics, functioning, health, and resource management. They examine the various cultural, community, and socioeconomic contexts in which families function and student interventions used to support families across the lifespan with a strong emphasis on gerontology. Course topics for the Gerontology concentration include the health and psychological aspects of aging, fitness and the aging process, and death and bereavement in the family.

This interdisciplinary program is unique in that students take courses across campus, can elect to take several service-learning courses, and are required to complete a full-time internship enabling them to work with older adults in a variety of community settings.

Why Study Gerontology

- *Increased percent of older adults (65+) in the population:* There is dramatic growth in the aging population due to increased life expectancy.
- *Expanding career opportunities:* A demand for professionals with knowledge and expertise in the field of aging.
- *Personal satisfaction:* The opportunity to connect with a generation whose wit, wisdom, and experience make work interesting.
- *Making a difference:* Increasing the quality of life that older adults deserve.



Careers in Gerontology

Job opportunities for gerontology students are in community service agencies, senior living facilities, long term care facilities, community recreation programs, and senior citizen centers. This degree also provides students with the educational background they need to pursue graduate study in a variety of areas.

Examples of specific career opportunities include:

Health Care Services

- Adult Day Care/Home Care
- Assisted Living
- Mental Health Counseling
- Art Therapy
- Hospice

Health and Wellness

- Nutrition Counseling
- Physical Therapy
- Recreational Therapy
- Fitness Trainer

Program Administration

- Aging Services Administrator
- Long-term Care Administration
- Volunteer Management
- Program/Policy Development

Educational

- Research/Scholarship
- Teacher/Educator

Community Based Services

- Recreational Services
- Program Evaluation
- Community Advocacy



For further information

<http://cehs.montclair.edu/academic/fcs/>

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<http://www.montclair.edu/admissions/>

Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees for the current academic year may be accessed at:

<http://www.montclair.edu/admissions/costs.html>

Montclair State University offers financial aid and scholarships. To obtain financial aid information, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 973-655-4461.

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