

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN **AGING STUDIES ONLINE**



## **EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS ACROSS THEIR AGESPAN**

The interdisciplinary M.S. in Aging Studies degree at Eastern Illinois University is a graduate program designed to launch or expand careers in the aging/gerontology field for our students. The program is offered in a fully online delivery format. Plans of study are individually tailored to meet students' needs. Our Master's degree program prepares professionals for diverse careers in aging/gerontology and retention, graduation, and career placement rates exceed 95%.

Our program welcomes students at all stages of professional development, including those in the workforce and those who have recently completed an undergraduate degree. Students may enroll full-time or part-time.

- + **AFFORDABLE**
- + **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
- + **RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES**
- + **FLEXIBILITY IN SCHEDULING**
- + **SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT**

### **APPLY ANYTIME**

- Applications accepted year-round for enrollment
- Minimum GPA of 2.75
- GRE not required
- Students with any undergraduate major are welcome.

### **MOST AFFORDABLE AGING STUDIES/GERONTOLOGY GRADUATE PROGRAM IN ILLINOIS & THROUGHOUT THE U.S.**

Estimated cost for the entire degree (including all fees and textbook rental/mailling) is \$14,500 for in- and out-of-state students.

### **100% ONLINE COURSES**

All courses are available in an online delivery format. There are no on-campus or residency requirements.

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## CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

### Course Requirements: 27 HRS

- CMN 5155** - Communication and Aging
- EDF 5590** - Educational Response to Third Age Learning
- HSL 4846** - Aging and the Family
- HSL 5100** - Societal Theories in Aging
- HSL 5400** - Aging Policy in Action
- HSL 5900** - Research Methods
- PUBH 4890** - Health and Aging
- KSR 5225** - Physical Activity and Aging
- PSY 5540** - Psychological Processes in the Aged

### Course Electives (Select 6 credit hours):

- BIO 4843**- Neurobiology
- BIO 4835** - Advanced Neurobiology
- HCM 4910**- Applied Health Communication
- HCM 5610** - Advanced Analysis and Development of Health Communications Campaigns
- HSL 4775** - Human Services Programs and Resource Management
- HSL 4820** - Death and Dying
- HSL 4845** - Family Stress and Resilience
- HSL 4850** - Human Services Programs: Community, Culture and Intersectionality
- HSL 5450** - Leadership and Administration in Human Services Programming
- HSL 5846** - Public Policy and Grant Writing for Human Services Programming
- HSL 5992** - Independent Study
- OR HSL 5985** - Internship
- OR HSL 5950** - Thesis
- PLS 4793** - Civic and Nonprofit Leadership
- PLS 4873** - Human Resource Management in Public & Nonprofit Organizations
- PLS 4893** - Budgeting in Governmental & Nonprofit Organizations
- PSY 5545** - Techniques for Geriatric Management
- PUBH 4770** - Health Services Administration
- PUBH 4800** - Drugs and Society
- PUBH 4810** - Community Resources and Chemical Dependency
- PUBH 4830** - Perspectives on Health and Humor
- PUBH 5600** - Essentials of International Health
- PUBH 5700** - Theories and Principles of Health Behavior
- PUBH 5750** - Health Program Planning and Evaluation
- PUBH 5765** - Epidemiology in Public Health
- PUBH 5770** - Leadership & Ethics for Health Professionals

Other courses may be substituted or added, as agreed upon by advisor and student.

- With approval of the EIU Graduate School and EIU Aging Studies Graduate Coordinator, students may transfer up to 11 credit hours of graduate courses completed at another accredited institution of higher education.
- Some elective courses may have prerequisites or require permission of instructor.
- A minimum of 33 credit hours is required for degree completion.
- There is a 6-year time limit for degree completion.

## INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION

The M.S. in Aging Studies program is an interdisciplinary collaboration among multiple academic units and faculty at EIU.

- Human Services
- Communication Studies
- Public Health
- Kinesiology, Sports, & Recreation
- Psychology
- Secondary Education & Foundations
- Biological Sciences
- Political Science

The program provides an integrative, research- and theory-based learning experience for students. Throughout the program, students will develop a well-rounded, transferrable skill set in preparation for launching or continuing careers in the aging field.

## APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP

[www.eiu.edu/graduate/GAapplication/GAappl.php](http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/GAapplication/GAappl.php)

## QUICK M.S. IN AGING STUDIES FACTS

- 33 credit hours online
- Graduate Assistantships offered for residential students – FULL tuition waiver for 3 semesters and monthly salary with 18-19 hours/week of professional experience

## M.S. IN AGING STUDIES ALUMNI - WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### Direct Services Coordinator

The Fellowship Center, Mattoon, IL

### Administrator

Signature Healthcare of Terre Haute, Terre Haute, IN

### Family Life Educator

University of Illinois Extension, Champaign, IL

### Service Coordinator

PrairieLand Service Coordination, Decatur, IL

### Resident Director

Willowbrook Memory Care Residences, Effingham, IL

### Director of Aging Services

Cumberland Associates, Sullivan, IL

### Marketing & Admissions Coordinator

Passages Hospice, Champaign-Urbana, IL

### Case Worker for Older Adult Protective Services

Care Horizon, Charleston, IL

### Director of Wellness and Recovery Services

Wellspring Resources, Jerseyville, IL

### Resident Service Concierge

Smith Village, Chicago, IL

### Senior Day Center Supervisor

St. Paul's Senior Services, San Diego, CA