



THE UNIVERSITY of
MISSISSIPPI
SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCES
Department of Applied Gerontology

The study of aging is everybody's business.



OVERVIEW

The study of aging from beginning to end is everybody's business. Gerontology deals with the study of aging throughout the life cycle. Our vision is to provide leadership to **improve healthy and successful aging outcomes through new knowledge and innovation.** The Department of Applied Gerontology is dedicated to teaching, research and service that inspires and prepares students with knowledge, evidence and skills needed to provide leadership and service to **improve the health and successful aging outcomes of current and future generations.** The **B.S. in Applied Gerontology** from the University of Mississippi prepares students for a wide range of career settings in health, legal studies, nutrition and dietetics, social work, and communication sciences and disorders. This program is designed to provide a program of study to meet the career goals of a broad spectrum of students—some wanting to work in health care, some wanting to **specialize in** eldercare or gerontology within a future graduate or professional program—but all wanting a competitive edge into the job market of the future. Our program's unique inter-professional educational (IPE) structure prepares students to have a very comprehensive educational foundation, including classroom instruction and diverse community engagement experiences, to provide service-learning exposures and prepare them to interact effectively with elders and the professionals and organizations providing services to them.



KEY BENEFITS

All students enrolled in the Applied Gerontology program at the University of Mississippi receive applied, community-based, and service-learning experiences before graduation.



ABOUT THE FACULTY

The curriculum will be taught by faculty from diverse disciplines. Dr. Teresa Carithers serves as the Interim Chair and Mrs. Marcia Cole serves as the Director of Internships and Community Engagement.



GRADUATE OUTCOMES

The job market for Applied Gerontology graduates is projected to grow 17% from 2014-2024. Graduates are needed in a variety of educational, health care, government agency, community, and private practice settings.



EXPERIENCES OFFERED

At Ole Miss, students participate in program-directed seminars and community engagement activities that provide hands-on experience and networking opportunities, leading to successful job placement or graduate school admission.

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