

# What can I do with a minor Gerontology?

A minor in gerontology complements many academic majors and will prepare you for careers in a variety of work environments. The following list contains some, but certainly not all, of the settings where CMU gerontology minors have established their careers.

## **Career Settings for a Gerontology Minor:**

- Adult Day Programs
- Agencies on Aging
- Automotive Industry
- Banks
- Community Mental Health Agencies
- Family Counseling
- Fitness Programs
- Higher Education Institutions
- Hospice
- Legal Services
- Marketing
- Mechanical Engineering Corporations
- Newspapers
- Nursing Homes
- Polymer Science Companies
- Public Relations Firms
- Retirement Centers
- Senior Communities
- Social Work Agencies
- Therapeutic Recreation Centers

Some of the professional positions within these environments may require education beyond a bachelor's degree. Students obtaining employment immediately upon graduation usually are those with the best college records and a willingness to relocate for a job.

## **Professional Skills Acquired Through a Minor in Gerontology**

Many occupations in today's working world require college-educated individuals who can write and speak well, solve problems, learn new information quickly, and work well with a team. In addition to opening the door to numerous career possibilities in many different fields, a minor in gerontology will help you develop the fundamental skills that employers in many other professions are seeking in their employees.

Skills and qualities acquired through a minor in gerontology may include:

- Active listening
- Analytical thinking
- Creativity
- Critical thinking
- Cultural awareness
- Information literacy (Research)
- Oral and written communications
- Problem solving
- Project planning
- Teamwork
- Time management
- Visionary thinking

For more information about gerontology and other minors and majors, please contact Career Services.

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