

# WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY **AGING STUDIES** DEGREE?



UMBC - CAREER SERVICES CENTER

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## **FINANCIAL AND LEGAL SERVICES**

### **Insurance Companies, Law Offices, Financial Planning Services, Investment Banking Firms**

- ≡ Attorney (generalist)
- ≡ Elder Law
- ≡ Senior Real Estate Specialist
- ≡ Financial Planner
- ≡ Case Manager
- ≡ Retirement Planning
- ≡ Insurance Sales and Service

## **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

### **Businesses, Non-Profits, Employee Assistance Programs, Government, Media**

- ≡ Planning/Policy Development
- ≡ Program Analyst/Evaluator
- ≡ Program Director
- ≡ Program Specialist
- ≡ Public Relations
- ≡ Urban Planner
- ≡ Marketing Director
- ≡ Media personality
- ≡ Reporter
- ≡ Ombudsman
- ≡ Retail Operation
- ≡ Senior Publications
- ≡ Specialty Apparel
- ≡ Victims Advocate
- ≡ Information and Referral Specialist

## **WELLNESS AND PERSONAL CARE**

### **Retirement Communities, Hospitals, Senior Centers, Adult Day Care Centers, Spas and Wellness Centers, Community Centers**

- ≡ Fitness Trainer
- ≡ Recreational Therapy
- ≡ Communal Living Coordinator
- ≡ Home Care
- ≡ Nutritional Counselor
- ≡ Personal Trainer
- ≡ Fashion Consultant
- ≡ Retreat/Wellness Counselor
- ≡ Physical therapy
- ≡ Wellness Manager
- ≡ In Home Art Instructor

## **HEALTH CARE SERVICE**

### **Clinics, Treatment Centers, Mental Health Centers, Government, Adult Day Care Facilities, Assisted Living Communities**

- ≡ Dietician
- ≡ Psychiatrist
- ≡ Long Term Care Administrator
- ≡ Physician
- ≡ Social worker
- ≡ Ophthalmologist
- ≡ Medical Records Staff

## **IN HOME SERVICES**

### **Hospices, Private Residence, Rehabilitation Centers, Residential Treatment Centers**

- ≡ Music Therapist
- ≡ Podiatrist
- ≡ Transportation Services
- ≡ Occupational Therapist
- ≡ Registered Nurse
- ≡ Optometry
- ≡ Health Information Specialist

## HOUSING

### Architect Firms, Engineering Firms, Design Firms, Government, Retirement Communities

- ≡ Architect
- ≡ Home Modification Specialist
- ≡ Retirement Housing Professional
- ≡ Aging in place specialist
- ≡ Interior Designer
- ≡ Senior Housing Administrator
- ≡ Engineer
- ≡ Resident Manager
- ≡ Facilities Manager

## LEISURE, RECREATION AND TRAVEL

### Cruise Ships, Retirement Communities, Senior Recreational Facilities, Parks, Travel

#### Agencies

- ≡ Cruise Line Staff
- ≡ Travel Agent
- ≡ Event Planner
- ≡ Recreation Specialist
- ≡ Tour Guide

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Nonprofit Associations, Businesses, Employee Assistance Programs, Government,

#### Employment Agencies

- ≡ Employee Relations Specialist
- ≡ Ergonomics Assessment
- ≡ Vocational Rehabilitation counselor
- ≡ Human Resources Manager
- ≡ Industrial Psychologist
- ≡ Employment Specialist
- ≡ Diversity Training

## POLICY/ADVOCACY

### Political and Issue-Oriented / Non-Profit / Associations)

- ≡ Volunteer Coordinator
- ≡ Membership Coordinator
- ≡ Meetings Coordinator
- ≡ Fund-Raiser/Development Associate
- ≡ Field Worker
- ≡ Grant Writer
- ≡ Community/Field Organizer
- ≡ Program Developer
- ≡ Community Relations Officer
- ≡ Special Events Planner
- ≡ Legislative Advocate
- ≡ Program Coordinator
- ≡ Project Manager
- ≡ Political Organizer
- ≡ Lobbyist Assistant
- ≡ Public Relations Specialist
- ≡ Public Policy Analyst
- ≡ Program Evaluator

## KEEP IN MIND...

This list is just a brief introduction to your career options - it is *not* a complete list! Also keep in mind that although these career fields are open to you as an aging studies major, you must take extra steps to prepare yourself for a competitive job market. It is important to:

- (1) **obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experience** (see CSC about their part-time, major-related job announcements and the Shriver Center about co-op, internship, and service opportunities)
- (2) **supplement your aging studies course work** with classes that would be relevant and beneficial to your chosen career field.

Make an appointment with a career specialist for suggestions on researching your career options, choosing a career field, and preparing for your chosen occupation.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**Internet sites:** that allow you to explore career options for an Aging Studies degree:

- ≡ Career Services Center - Links by Major: [http://www.careers.umbc.edu/students/websites\\_major.php](http://www.careers.umbc.edu/students/websites_major.php)

### CDC Career Resource Center (MP 212):

- ≡ *100 Jobs in Social Change*
- ≡ *Careers in Social Work*

### Naitonal Associations:

The Gerontological Society of America (<http://www.geron.org/>)  
Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (<http://www.aghe.org/>)  
National Academy on an Aging Society (<http://www.agingsociety.org/agingsociety/>)