The professors are all seasoned, and their expertise and ability to teach is profound. — Sara B.
THE MANAGEMENT OF AGING SERVICES TRACK

The Management of Aging Services Track is a national award-winning program that offers students an advanced degree in the growing field of aging services. This includes long-term care, service-supported housing, community-based services, marketing to an aging population, and health services for those requiring chronic care. The program is geared toward professionals in the aging network and those who wish to enter the aging field. Students can broaden their perspectives and strengthen skills in policy development and analysis, program management, administration, and finance with a focus on the aging population.

AN APPLIED APPROACH—The program is geared to preparing students for positions in the aging field. All our faculty members have strong academic backgrounds and are also currently working or have worked in key positions in various aspects of the aging network. Students are prepared for positions in areas including:

- Elder housing
- Senior centers
- Assisted living
- Geriatric care management
- Nursing homes
- State and federal agency administration and management
- Adult day care
- Companies marketing to elders

With the growth of the aging population, there are increasing opportunities for those who have an understanding of aging issues and the management and administrative skills to implement and oversee programs for this population.

Admission
To apply to the master’s program, students must submit:

- A brief cover letter indicating that they would like to be considered for admission into the Master of Science in Gerontology Program, Management of Aging Services track;
- The UMass Boston Graduate School application. This application can be downloaded from www.umb.edu/admissions;
- College transcripts;
- Three reference letters; and
- A 3–4-page essay on their experience and why they wish to enter the program.

GREs are NOT required for this program.

Application materials should be sent to: UMass Boston, Graduate Admissions Office, 100 Morrissey Blvd., Boston, MA 02125-3393. Applications are accepted for the fall (deadline: June 1) and spring (deadline: November 1) semesters.

A student may register for any of the courses without having to apply for and be accepted into the master’s program. If at a later date the student is accepted into the master’s program, a maximum of two courses may be counted toward that degree. All students must have an undergraduate degree to register for a course.

The master’s program requires 10 courses (30 credit hours). If a student wishes to continue, he or she may apply for the master’s program. A graduate certificate may be earned by taking 5 courses (15 credit hours). If a student wishes to continue, he or she may apply for the master’s program.

Certificate Option
A graduate certificate may be earned by taking 5 courses (15 credit hours). If a student wishes to continue, he or she may apply for the master’s program.

Courses
The master’s program requires 10 courses (30 credit hours). Eight of the courses are required and two are electives.

Required courses
- GERON 611 Health and Physical Aspects of Aging
- GERON 623 Issues in Aging Policy
- GERON 645 Marketing Aging Services
- GERON 650 Service Delivery Issues in Aging
- GERON 660 Organization and Financing of Aging Services
- GERON 670 Human Resources and Personnel Management
- GERON 475 Organizational Change and Aging Services
- GERON 492 Capstone Project

Elective courses (examples)
- GERON 621 Social Aspects of Aging
- GERON 626 Economic Issues in Aging Populations
- GERON 628 Psychology of Aging
- GERON 630 Residential and Long Term Care Management

The Program
Faculty use a variety of techniques to promote relationships and interaction throughout the academic experience. The Management of Aging Services Program is committed to providing an education that is characterized by:

EXCELLENCE—The program has been nationally recognized and was named the Outstanding Credit Program for 2008 by the University Continuing Education Association (UCEA). The program was cited for its innovation and creativity.

FLEXIBILITY—The program can now be completed totally online. Students can determine how many courses they take each semester. Courses are offered in the fall, spring, and summer semesters.

RESPONSIVENESS TO STUDENT CONCERNS—Faculty members are committed to working with students to meet their individual needs and to make the educational experience valuable and productive.

Course Delivery
This program is totally online, taught by experienced resident faculty and professionals active in the field.

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Further Information
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