



UMBC MANAGEMENT  
OF AGING SERVICES

THE ERICKSON SCHOOL



# Majoring in Psychology?

Understanding our aging population can enhance your degree.

UMBC's Erickson School of Aging is a well-recognized educational program that provides undergraduate and graduate students with opportunities in policy, health science, and management.

***Educate.***

***Transform.***

***Innovate.***

# Why Aging Services?

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We are all aging every single day. Aging services aims to assist in broadening one's mindset, so that we may appreciate the aging process and its impact on the world around us. Your career choice gets better every eight seconds, as one American turns 65 in this span of time. People over the age of 50 will soon outnumber those under the age of five. What does this mean for our economy, your daily life, and your career? We've reached a pivotal time period where the demand for experts in aging services is vastly larger than the supply. In what is referred to as "the business of aging," college graduates will be faced with a plethora of job opportunities in fields that they may never have considered to be impacted by aging services. You can do what you love, and do well, while combating the negative stigma associated with aging alongside any major you choose.

## How Does Aging Services Compliment your Major?

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A psychologist will work with a spectrum of ages over their career. However, there are plentiful opportunities for research outside of being a practitioner. Alzheimer's Disease and various dementias are mental issues that stump scientists to this day. The psychology of aging involves an interdisciplinary approach to how one processes thoughts and feelings. This combination of fields is so popular that there are journals, articles, and societies encompassing the two. At UMBC, the second most common major that doubles with aging services are those in the Psychology department.

## Organizations

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**American Psychological Association (APA)**

<http://www.apa.org/pi/aging/resources/careers/index.aspx>

**National Institute on Aging**

<https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/alzheimers>

**Psychology Today**

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us>

**NCBI Journals**

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/>

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