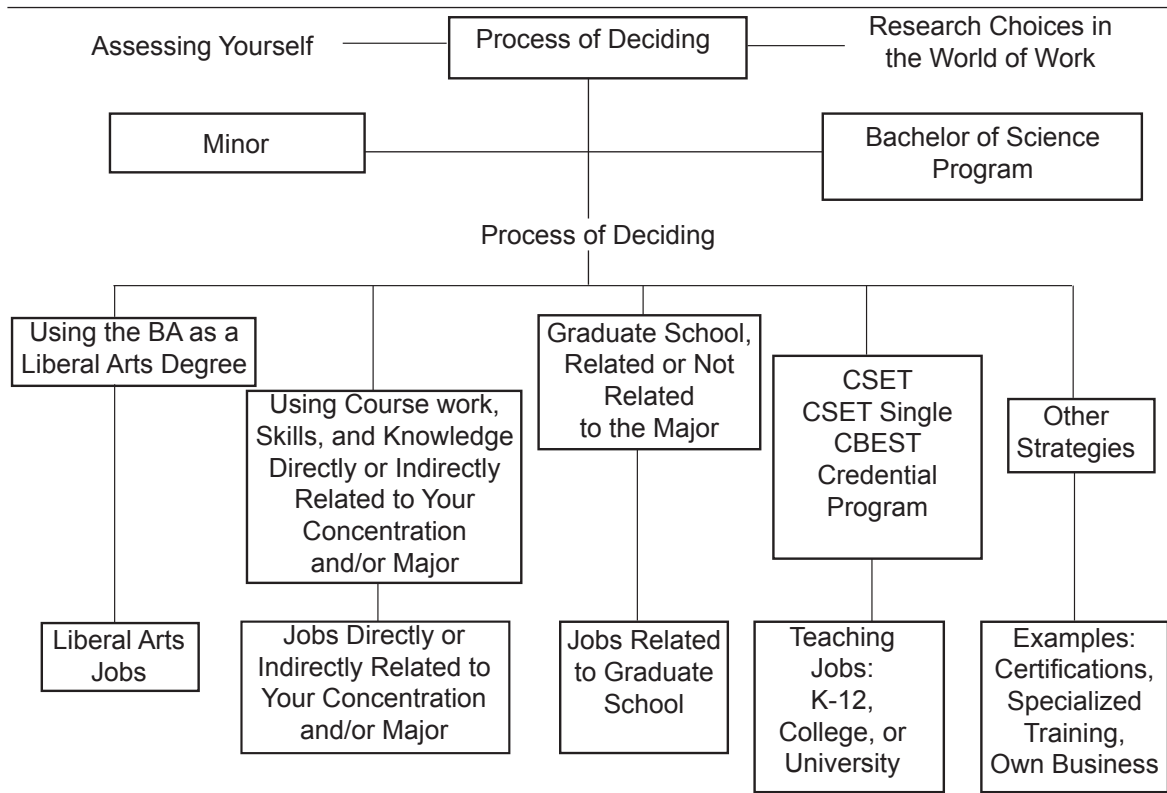




Options for Gerontology Majors



Career Information Library Resources:

Opportunities in Gerontology and Aging Services Careers, Ellen Williams
100 Best Nonprofits to Work For, Leslie Hamilton & Robert Tragert
Careers for Good Samaritans & Other Humanitarian Types, Marjorie Eberts & Margaret Gisler
Careers in Focus: Alternative Health Care, 2nd Edition, Ferguson Publishing
Careers in Social Work, Leon H. Ginsberg
Great Jobs for Psychology Majors, Julie DeGalan & Stephen Lambert
100 Jobs in Social Change, Harley Jebens
Careers in Social and Rehabilitation Services, Geraldine O. Garner
Top 100 Health Care Careers, 2nd Edition, Dr. Saul Wischnitzer & Edith Wischnitzer

Partial List of Professional Associations:

Gerontological Society of America, www.geron.org; additional links, <http://www.geron.org/online.html>
 Global Action on Aging, www.globalaging.org/resources/gaaweblinks.htm
 National Council on Aging, www.ncoa.org/
 American Society on Aging, www.asaging.org/index.cfm
 National Academy on an Aging Society, www.agingsociety.org/agingsociety/
 National Institute on Aging, www.nia.nih.gov/

Job Listings and Resource Books:

Community Services Directory of Sacramento 54th Edition, Sacramento State Career Center
 Opportunity NOCS, www.opportunitynocs.org
 Age Work, www.geron.org/agework/
 American Association of Homes/Services for the Aging, www.aahsa.org/careers/job_mart/default.asp
 American Society on Aging, www.asaging.org/jobs/findjobs.cfm?do=getjobs
 Career Center's Career Connection, www.csus.edu/careercenter/students/career_connection.stm
 Yolo Link, www.yololink.org
 National Council on Aging Jobs, www.ncoa.org/content.cfm?sectionid=206
 Careers in Aging Project, www.careersinaging.com/careersinaging/

Sample of Transferable Skills Acquired Through Attending College

Listening skills	Synthesize	Conceptualize	Creativity
Organization	Group facilitation	research writing	Report writing
Thinking abstractly	Making decisions	Critical analysis	Editing
Establishing goals	Individual differences	Planning/organize	Working under deadlines
Time management	Supervising/leading	Conducting surveys	Analysis/evaluation
Program management	Communication	Assessment	Library research
Historical references	Organization	Problem-solving	Cultural/diversity sensitivity

Course Content Areas Transferable to Multiple Fields

Human development	Recreation	Housing	Public Health Admin
Life span theory	Health Care	Social development	Elder health issues
Cognitive development	Social Security	Medicare	Medicaid
Family roles	Legislation	Media	Public policy
Ethics of aging	Service delivery	Diversity / gender	Research methods
Eldercare service continuum	Public speaking	Motor development	Cross-cultural issues
Biology of aging	Death and dying	Counseling	Nutrition and aging
Discrimination	Chronic illness	Relationship issues	Adult development
Advocacy	Activism in Aging	Rehabilitation	Retirement
Financial and legal aspects of aging			

Sample Career Fields and Job Titles Directly or Indirectly Related to Gerontology

Senior Recreation Specialist	Health Educator
Mental Health field	Marriage Family Therapist
Leisure and recreation	Geriatric Social Worker
Public Health	Memory care
Community Health	Nutritionist
Research and communication	Activities / Recreation Director
Policy and program planning	Case Worker in Adult Protection
Public Health Administration	Geriatric Case Manager
Housing	Rehabilitation Counselor
Human service organizations	Personal Physician Advocate
Long-term care facilities	Fraud Prevention
Federal, state, and local agencies	Intergenerational Activities
Retirement communities	Senior Theater Groups
Professional associations	Research on aging
Business and industry	Alzheimer's research and direct service
Yoga or Tai Chi Instructor	Product design and marketing
Director of Social Services	Communications director for an association
Foster Grandparent Coordinator	Adult Protective Services
Home Health Services Coordinator	California Dept. of Aging
Nursing Home Administrator	California Dept. of Social Services
Ombudsman Program Coordinator	Information and Referral Specialist
Residential Care/Assisted Living Admin	Area Agencies on Aging
Senior Center Director	Respite Care Coordinator
Senior Housing Project Manager	Hospice
Senior Law Program Director	Human Factors
Volunteer Program Coordinator	Insurance
Elder Law	Wellness
Estate Planning	Urban Planning
Pension Advisor	Environmental Design
Pre-retirement Program Coordinator	Human Rights
Travel and Leisure Industry	Global issues and services on aging
Gerontology Consultant	Assistive Technology
College or University Professor	International "age wave" phenomenon