



# Aging Services

> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



The Department of Professional Programs in Human Services offers educational programs that share the common goal of preparing students to work with people in a variety of human services agencies and organizations. The human services field is one of the most rapidly expanding career fields in America today. The Department of Professional Programs in Human Services focuses on those careers which require professional preparation and training for service to individuals, families, groups, and the community. Degree programs include Counseling, Criminal Justice, and Social Work.

## > Aging Services

The Aging concentration is designed to prepare students for positions in community organizations serving older adults. Courses cover the social and psychological aspects of aging, program planning and evaluation and intervention techniques; and they provide the other technical skills needed to work with older individuals. Students are acquainted with nutrition programs; senior centers; area agencies on aging; and other federal, state and private gerontological resources.

## > Scholarships Available

The Department of Professional Programs in Human Services makes scholarships available to qualified students through the following programs:

- Lowell E. Green Human Resources Scholarship
- Richard E. Baumgartner Memorial Scholarship in Human Resources
- Higginbotham Family Scholarship

## > Student Organization

- Human Resources Club



### *What can I become?*



Adult Protective Services  
Area Agency on Aging  
Programs  
Assistive Living  
Administration  
Case Manager  
Counselor  
Home Health Care  
Hospice  
Older Worker Programs  
Social Security  
Administration  
*...and so much more!*



### **Show Me the Money!**

Graduates with an Aging Services degree typically earn between \$25,000 and \$45,000 for entry level jobs. As a college graduate, you can earn an average of 75% more than those with only a high school degree, per *The Chicago Tribune!*  
(NACE 2018 Salary Report)

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## > PROGRAM INFORMATION




### Aging Services

**Dean:** Dr. Kate Lang,  
College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences  
**Chair:** Regina Robertson, PhD, CRC, LPC  
**Coordinator:** Dwaine Turner, PhD, CRC  
**Degrees:** 3  
**Minor:** 8  
**Faculty:** 14 full-time & 1 part-time  
**Organizations:** 6  
**Scholarships:** 11  
**Location:** 219C Horace Mann



### ECU at a Glance

**Undergraduate Enrollment:** 3,500+  
**Undergraduate Majors:** 70+  
**Student to Faculty Ratio:** 18 to 1  
**Average Class Size:** 22  
**Faculty with PhDs:** 65%  
**States Represented:** 28  
**Countries Represented:** 30+  
**Year Founded:** 1909  
**Campus Size:** 140 Acres  
**Area Location:** Ada, Oklahoma



### Tiger Spirit

**Mascot:** Roary the Tiger  
**School Colors:** Orange & Black  
**Student Organizations:** 60+  
**Athletics:** NCAA Division II

<b>Men's:</b>	Football Baseball Basketball	Cross Country Track & field
<b>Women's:</b>	Basketball Volleyball Softball	Soccer Cross Country Track & field

## Aging

The objective of the Aging concentration is to prepare students to work in the multidisciplinary field of aging and gerontology. This is a diverse field which offers students an insight to the aging process, including the physical, mental and social changes in older people as they age. In addition, the program provides knowledge on the changes in society resulting from our aging population and considers the policies and programs that impact this field.

## Opportunities

Students in the Aging concentration enjoy diverse employment opportunities. This diversity exists due to the uniqueness of older persons. Career opportunities include community, human services, and religious organizations; health care and long-term care institutions, federal, state and local government agencies, including aging networks, retirement communities, and in private business and industry.

Professional work may include developing programs, providing direct care, counseling older adults and their families and the planning, administering and evaluating of community-based services for older adults.

## Courses in Aging

- Psychology of Aging
- Interviewing Techniques
- Introduction to Aging
- Gerontological Program Management
- Group Process and Practice
- Intervention Techniques
- Internship in Aging

**We educate and empower students to understand and transform our world.**

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