

The Gerontology Program Mission:

To provide an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary program of study of older adults, the aging process, an aging society, and long-term services and supports; and to provide students with opportunities to achieve intellectual and ethical integrity, social responsibility, and to acquire appropriate caring behaviors toward older adults within a culturally diverse society.

The Gerontology Program Vision:

The education of students in the gerontology program embraces knowledge from diverse interdisciplinary sources. Students graduating from the gerontology and the long-term care specialization should be prepared to examine their roles as professionals in aging services and as leaders within the system of long-term care services and supports. For these reasons, education is directed toward motivating, inspiring, and developing problem-solving and creative capabilities in students. Pre-professional and professional education must be regarded as preparation for a lifetime of continued learning, which enhances the process of self-actualization for the individual and social responsibility as a servant leader. The gerontology program at BGSU seeks to be a leader in gerontological education and licensure of administrators in long-term care within Ohio.

The Gerontology Program Goals:

1. To provide outstanding curricular and community-based activities to provide students with the tools to achieve the status of exceptional gerontology professionals and administrators.
2. To prepare undergraduate and graduate students to act as advocates on issues related to issues of aging and the delivery and distribution of health care services.
3. To be a major resource within the college, university, and community for issues related to the aging process, older adults, and long-term services and supports.