Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of children, youth, adults, and families and changing the world for the better... one person, family, and community at a time? If so, this multidisciplinary and holistic program will give you the most current knowledge, practical skills and hands-on experience to excel in a field dedicated to improving the human condition by intervening during crises, helping people access resources, and advocating for changes in the systems that affect the lives of those in need.

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Early childhood policy advocate
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Elementary educator
Elementary teacher*
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Family support worker
Foster care caseworker
Hospice worker
Housing service coordinator
International relief worker
Marriage and family counselor
Parent educator
Preschool or childcare teacher
Senior advocate
Social worker
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Youth development specialist

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Gerontology is the study of adult development and aging. Because of an enormous worldwide increase in the older population, gerontology offers dynamic career opportunities. Students who earn a certificate in gerontology, a nationally recognized credential in the field, along with the human services option, are prepared for entry-level positions serving older individuals and their families in community-based agencies and long-term care facilities. They also are well positioned for further study in aging related fields.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

If you have an interest in research, you’re in luck. URAP is designed for students across the college’s many disciplines and will expose you both to bench research and the applied social sciences and possibly nationally known researchers at the Hallie E. Ford Center for Healthy Children and Families.

In addition, the college’s nationally recognized Center for Healthy Aging Research offers opportunities as a LIFE Scholar, in which you work collaboratively with center faculty mentors and graduate students, participate in hands-on, engaging inquiry and create and share new knowledge related to the field of aging.

Engaging in these programs will allow you to apply coursework and build your resume to become more competitive in both the job market and for graduate school admissions.

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