**Careers in Aging**

Between 2000 and 2030, Georgia’s population of people age 65 and older will increase by a whopping 143%. Georgia will need more aging-related businesses, organizations, and workers than ever before to supply needed services for the state’s growing Baby Boomer population. You can be a part of the solution.

What fields are popular? The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ list of [30 fastest-growing job paths](http://www.bumc.bu.edu/gms/files/2012/02/Top-30-fastest.pdf) includes seven career areas that are common in the field of aging, including mental health, physical and occupational therapy, home health, and personal care. Growth rates by 2020 for positions in these work areas range from 35% to 70%.

But let’s put the data aside. Joining the aging field is about more than job growth. It reflects passion and personal mission. Aging services workers have a natural affinity for older adults. We simply love what we do. Explore the links here and decide if an aging services career is right for you.

**Internships & Volunteer Opportunities**

[Interning with the Division of Aging Services](https://aging.dhs.georgia.gov/sites/aging.dhs.georgia.gov/files/Aging.Internship.Facts.2014.pdf) (Graduate, Undergraduate)

[Volunteering with Georgia’s Aging Network](http://aging.dhs.georgia.gov/volunteer-my-community-0)

[HandsOn Network – Action Centers in Georgia](http://www.handsonnetwork.org/actioncenters/map/GA)

**Careers**

[Find Career Opportunities with DAS](http://aging.dhs.georgia.gov/find-career-opportunities-das)

Georgia DHS Division of Aging Services

[AgeWork: Your Key to Jobs in Aging](http://www.agework.com/agework/)

The Gerontological Society of America

[AGHE Careers in Aging](http://www.aghe.org/resources/careers-in-aging)

Association for Gerontology in Higher Education

[Careers in Aging](https://www.publichealth.uga.edu/geron/careers)

University of Georgia College of Public Health, Institute of Gerontology

(See the chart of fields and specialties that can have an emphasis on aging.)

[Exploring Careers in Aging](http://businessandaging.blogs.com/ecg/)

Linda Wiener, Researcher / Consultant

[Social Work in Aging](http://www.cswe.org/File.aspx?id=14568)

Geriatric Social Work Initiative, the Hartford Foundation

**Intergenerational Programming**

[Visiting Nursing Home Residents (for children and teens)](Visiting%20Nursing%20Home%20Residents)

The Legacy Project

[Intergenerational Program](http://extension.psu.edu/youth/intergenerational/curricula-and-activities) Curricula and Activities

Penn State Extension

[Connecting Generations Strengthening Communities Toolkit](http://templeigc.org/resources/connecting-generations-strengthening-communities-toolkit)

The Intergenerational Center – Temple University

[Intergenerational Learning Activities and Interactive Games](http://www.gu.org/RESOURCES/LearningActivities.aspx)

Generations United

[DOROT Seniors and Youth](http://www.dorotusa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=seniors_programs_youth_D#.VRlkhU10y1s)

DOROT is a New York-based organization that mobilizes aging-services volunteers.

**Academic and Continuing Education Programs in Georgia**

(Online gerontology programs are also available through out-of-state universities.)

Armstrong State University

[Health Sciences Gerontology Certificate](http://www.armstrong.edu/Majors/degree/gerontology1)

Breneau University

[Master of Science in Applied Gerontology](http://www.brenau.edu/graduate/applied-gerontology-m-s/)

Central Georgia Technical College

[Gerontology Associate Degree](http://www.centralgatech.edu/studserv/career_services/program_outlook_detail.cfm?program=GE13)

Clayton State University – Continuing Education

[Gerontology Professional Care Certificate](http://www.clayton.edu/conted/Gerontology-PCC)

Columbus State University

[Certificate in Gerontology](http://academics.columbusstate.edu/catalogs/2005-2006/college_cos.htm)

Georgia Regents University

[Minor in Gerontology](http://catalog.gru.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=17&poid=1247&returnto=2233)

Georgia Southern University Center for Social Gerontology

[Courses and continuing education opportunities](http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/gerontology/)

Georgia State University – Gerontology Institute

[Master of Arts, Undergraduate and Graduate Certificates](http://gerontology.gsu.edu/)

Kennesaw University

[Graduate Certificate](http://www.kennesaw.edu/gero/), [Professional Development Certificate in Gerontology](http://ccpe.kennesaw.edu/professional/management/gerontology/)

Mercer University Georgia Baptist College of Nursing

[MSN with Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentration](https://nursing.mercer.edu/academics/master/critical-care/)

University of Georgia – Institute of Gerontology, College of Public Health

[Master of Public Health, Graduate Certificate in Gerontology](https://www.publichealth.uga.edu/geron/)

University of North Georgia

[Undergraduate and Graduate Certificates of Gerontology](http://ung.edu/graduate-studies/programs/certificate-of-gerontology.php)

**Aging-Related Organizations**

**General-Interest Associations for Professionals and Students**

[Georgia Gerontology Society](http://www.georgiagerontologysociety.org/)

[LeadingAge Georgia](http://leadingagega.org/)

[National Aging in Place Council – Greater Atlanta](http://www.ageinplace.org/Local-Chapters/Greater-Atlanta)

**Other Advocacy and Service Organizations**

[AARP Georgia](http://states.aarp.org/region/georgia/)

[Alzheimer’s Association – Georgia Chapter](http://www.alz.org/georgia/)

[Georgia Council on Aging](http://www.gcoa.org/)

**Industry-Specific Organizations**

[Georgia Adult Day Services Association](http://www.gadsa.org/joomla/index.php)

[Georgia Association of Community Care Providers](http://www.gaccp.org/)

[Assisted Living Association of Georgia](http://www.alag.org/)

[Georgia Senior Living Association](http://www.gasla.org/)