

**Program****HUMAN SERVICES TECHNOLOGY/GERONTOLOGY**

- *Associate in Applied Science (AAS), Certificate*
- *AAS Day or Evening Program:* 4 semesters day; 6 semesters night
- *Certificate Programs:* 2 semesters
- *Diploma Programs:*
- *Admission Cycle:* Every semester
- *Maximum Number Admitted Annually:* Open

Career Description

Human Services Workers that specialize in Gerontology work with older adults and their families. They understand issues of aging, including the physical, psychological and social aspects of the aging process, as well as health, wellness, nutrition, diet, exercise and well-being. Graduates tend to work under the direction of workers from a variety of fields, such as nursing, psychiatry, psychology, rehabilitative or social work.

Careers Available

Graduates should qualify for employment in nursing and retirement facilities, specialized adult care services, respite services and other programs servicing older adults and their families. Graduates choosing to continue their education may select a variety of programs at senior institutions.

Entry-Level Salary

\$26,000-\$32,000

Course of Study

Students will complete courses from a variety of disciplines. Emphasis in core courses is placed on the development of skill sets that are required to effectively interact with human service professionals, clients and older adults. A one-semester internship is required for degree-seeking students that provide working experience at a Gerontology related location.

**Recommended
Courses and Skills**

English, psychology, sociology and computer applications.

**Helpful Personal
Attributes**

A strong desire to help others. Individuals who show patience, understanding, and caring in their dealings with others. Effective communication skills, a strong sense of responsibility, and an ability to manage time effectively. Enjoys working with older adults and their families.

Program Contact

If you would like additional information about the Human Services Technology/Gerontology Program, contact Ellen Wenner, Human Services Technology Program Coordinator, at 336.734.7956 or ewenner@forsythtech.edu.

How To Get Started

Apply online at www.forsythtech.edu. You may also request an application by calling 336.734.7253, or pick up an application at the Admissions Office, 123 Allman Center on the Forsyth Tech Main Campus, 2100 Silas Creek Parkway in Winston-Salem.