WHAT DEGREE AND PROGRAM DO WE OFFER?

Minnesota State University, Mankato offers an undergraduate minor in Aging Studies, undergraduate minor for nursing majors, a Certificate of Study at the undergraduate and graduate level in Aging Studies as well as undergraduate and graduate Certificates of Study in Long-Term Care Administration, which satisfy most course requirement for program to satisfy most course requirements for Nursing Home Administration Licensure in Minnesota. Minnesota State University, Mankato also offers a Masters of Science in Aging Studies.

WHAT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING THIS PROGRAM?

Aging Studies is the study of the biological, psychological, and social/cultural aspects of aging. With the “graying of America” a wide variety of trained professionals will be needed to serve the aging population. Professionals with expertise in aging will be needed in program administration, planning and evaluation, social work, recreation, business, research, teaching, counseling, law, medicine and healthcare.

Mankato is the location of the Area Agency on Aging for south central Minnesota. There are four nursing homes and a variety of programs and services for older adults within the city. The well-developed aging network in the region and state provides many opportunities for study, internships, and employment.

EXAMINING THE QUALITY OF OUR PROGRAM

Alumni successes
Graduates include: nursing home administrators, aging planners in state agencies, lobbyists for aging organizations, senior center director, social workers in home health agencies and retirement communities, and founder of a private business providing seniors with products that will help them live independently.

Other special characteristics of the program
The program runs the Chesley Center on Aging. Minnesota State University, Mankato’s Aging Studies program offers decentralized learning with many options. A minor in Aging Studies strengthens the credentials of graduates in many programs.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE/PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Scholarships
The Rose M. Hull Scholarship is awarded in the spring.

The David and Darlene Janovy Summer Research Award is awarded March 1 and applications are available in January.

Internships/practicums
Aging Studies/Nursing Home Licensure internships and practicums are completed by students. The well-developed aging network in the region and state provides many opportunities for study, internships and employment.

Student/faculty opportunities for collaboration
Minnesota State University is proud of the individual attention that faculty provide to each and every student.

HOW DOES A STUDENT PREPARE FOR THIS PROGRAM?

Participation in a well-rounded, college-prep high school curriculum is good preparation for the Aging Studies minor. Some students come in having had part-time job experience working with elders during high school. However, such experience is not necessary. One of the special features of the Aging Studies minor is that it includes an opportunity to do an internship working somewhere in the local aging network.
### SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM (AGING STUDIES MINOR)

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