Why GRADUATE STUDIES in AGING AND HEALTH?

Graduate studies in Aging and Health are offered through innovative programs that provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of aging, with a focus on health and healthy living. Students will develop multi-disciplinary knowledge of individual aging processes, the effect of aging on social systems, and the policies needed to support healthy aging. The program is meant to enhance students’ ability to contribute to the development, delivery and implementation of evidence-based care, services, and policies for older adults across a range of settings.

Why QUEEN’S?

The program is full-time but can be completed from a distance, through a blended format of on-line and in-person learning. Intensive on-site sessions introduce students to core courses and e-learning technology, as well as provide an opportunity for in-person interaction with faculty and fellow class members. Elective courses are completed at a distance, on-line. The blended format of on-site intensives and on-line components couples networking and experiential opportunities with the flexibility of distance learning.

Queen’s University programs in Aging and Health position graduates for success in a variety of settings that serve the growing population of older adults including government, universities and colleges, for-profit and non-profit organizations, business and industry, and various healthcare settings.

“\nThe MSc Aging and Health Program at Queen’s University has been the ideal stepping stone for my career in health care. The online interface provided me the flexibility I needed to continue working full time and learn at my own pace. Furthermore, having the opportunity to learn alongside people from a range of health care and other professions such as nursing, occupational therapy, policy development, and even accounting, has contributed to my understanding of aging in society. I am excited to be entering medicine with the knowledge and skills I have acquired in this MSc! ”

– Nadine Abu-Ghazaleh, MSc

Program STRUCTURE

MSc (12 months): Seven term courses (three core and four electives), plus a project.
GDip (8 months): Five term courses (two core courses and 3 electives).

Core COURSES

- Evaluating Aging-Related Programs and Services
- Ethics and Biomedical Ethics of Aging
- Normal Aging Processes
- Students in the MSc program will complete a project that develops skills for critical appraisal and integration of evidence to address a defined question related to aging and health.

Visit the Aging and Health website to learn more about the program and its opportunities.
**Getting Started**

- Start with key priorities like doing your coursework and preparing for your project.
- Structure your career development plan.
- Explore career options and industries.
- Utilize resources like Career Services and alumni networks.

**Intermediate Stage**

- Complete your coursework.
- Begin to do research for your major project.
- Expand your project audience through social media such as Twitter or a blog.

**Wrapping Up**

- Complete your course work and project.
- Attend a major conference in your field, such as the annual conference of the Canadian Association on Gerontology.
- Practice articulating the skills you have been developing in settings outside the university, such as casual conversation, networking, and interviews. Get help from a Career Services workshop.

**What Will I Learn?**

- Knowledge and technical skills.
- Effective communication skills in multiple forms for diverse audiences.
- Ethical approaches to research and practice with older adults.
- Time management skills to meet deadlines and manage responsibilities despite competing demands.
- Project management skills to develop ideas, gather information, analyze, critically appraise findings, draw and act on conclusions.
- Creativity and innovation.
- Independence and experience as a collaborative worker.
- Professionalism in all aspects of work, research, and interactions.
- Leadership skills to take initiative and vision leading people and discussion.

**Where Can I Go?**

Queen's University programs in Aging and Health position graduates for success in a variety of settings that serve the growing population of older adults including government, for-profit and non-profit organizations. Potential career opportunities include:

- Program development, implementation, and evaluation in community-based or public healthcare organizations.
- Coordination and management roles in for-profit organizations that deliver services or create products for older adults.
- Policy development and analysis related to aging and society.
- Program evaluation for aging and health-related services.

In addition, graduates of this program have taken the knowledge and skills gained in this program back to their own places of employment to contribute to the development of age-sensitive services and practices. Taking time to explore career options while building your experience and networks can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

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Visit careers.queensu.ca/gradmaps for the online version with links!

*This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone's abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Grad Map using our online My Grad Map tool.*
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How do I use this map?
Whether you are considering or have embarked on graduate studies at Queen's, use this map to plan for success in five overlapping areas of your career and academic life. The map helps you explore possibilities, set goals and track your individual accomplishments. Everyone’s journey is different – the guide offers options for finding your way at Queen's and setting the foundation for your future. To make your own customized map, use the online My Grad Map tool.

Where can I get help?
Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Check out the SGS HABITAT for available resources.

What is the community like?
At Queen's, graduate students from all disciplines learn and discover in a close-knit intellectual community. You will find friends, peers and support among the graduate students enrolled in Queen's more than 130 graduate programs within 50+ departments & research centres. With the world’s best scholars, prize-winning professional development opportunities, excellent funding packages and life in the affordable, historic waterfront city of Kingston, Queen's offers a wonderful environment for graduate studies. Queen's is an integral part of the Kingston community, with the campus nestled in the core of the city, only a 10-minute walk to downtown with its shopping, dining and waterfront. For more about Kingston's history and culture, see Queen's University's Discover Kingston page.

Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
- Honours Bachelor's degree or equivalent.
- Grade requirements: Minimum B+ average or above from any 4-year undergraduate program or equivalent.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
- 2 copies of previous transcripts.
- 2 references, with one academic reference if you have graduated from university less than 5 years prior to application.
- Current CV or resume e-mailed to the program assistant.
- If English is not a native language, prospective students must meet the English language proficiency requirements in writing, speaking, reading, and listening. The School of Graduate Studies requires the following minimum scores: TOEFL (paper-based): 550, (2) TOEFL iBT: Writing (24/30); Speaking (22/30); Reading (22/30); Listening (20/30), for a total of 88/120 (applicants must have the minimum score in each test as well as the minimum overall score), or (3) IELTS: 7.0 (academic module overall band score), or (4) PTE Academics: 65.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES
- Application due: April 1.
- Notification of acceptance: Applicants are encouraged to submit their application prior to the deadline as decisions will be made promptly following that date.

Before you start your application, please review the Graduate studies application process.

What about FEES?
- Application Fee: $105
- Program Fee: $1500 program fee to cover the cost of the on-site intensive sessions (hotel room, meals and course packs)
- Tuition Fees: The tuition fees for the 2017-2018 year are just over $3,400 per term.

Apply for external funding and see the School of Graduate Studies' information on awards and scholarships.