



Pruett Gerontology Center

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

key strengths

- ACU is one of only 40 universities in the world that offers a Master of Science in gerontology.
- The gerontology program at ACU is an interdisciplinary program drawing on the strengths of major departments such as biology, psychology, sociology and social work.

mission statement

The mission of the Pruet Gerontology Center is to provide a program of study on aging that will:

- prepare students for careers related to late-life within society and religious communities,
- serve the Abilene area community and ACU as a resource of information on aging issues,
- assist in the development of ministry programs within Churches of Christ or religious groups with similar convictions.

DEGREES OFFERED

- Master of Science

majors available

- Gerontology

certificates available

- 18-hour graduate certificate
- 18-hour long-term certificate

student opportunities

- Research projects
- Practicum opportunities with state and local government agencies
- Internships within the long-term-care continuum
- Administrator in training positions

Scholarships available

- Virgil Bentley Scholarship
- Joe McKissick Scholarship
- Helen C. Nelson Scholarship
- Students of Gerontology Scholarship
- ACT/SAT Academic Scholarship

Please consult with your admissions counselor for details on these and other scholarships available to you.

demographics

Majors in the 2002-03 school year: 15

distinguished ALUMNI

- Jon Gulley**, class of 1990; administrator of church-related nursing facility, Mesquite, Texas.
- Veronica Dallies**, class of 1988; special investigator for Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Abilene, Texas.
- Kyoichi Endo**, class of 1988; Home Care Support Center, Tokyo, Japan.

recent graduates

- Mel Delaney**, class of 2003; administrator, Windcrest Alzheimer Care Center, Abilene, Texas.
- Amy Hanson**, class of 1999; pursuing Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska.
- André Lorrain**, class of 2000; faculty, Western Christian College, Dauphine, Manitoba, Canada.
- Troy Martin**, class of 1998, attending medical school in New Jersey.
- Nicola Thompson**, class of 2003; social services coordinator, East Mountain Manor, Philadelphia, Pa.

FACULTY

Charlie D. Pruet, Ph.D., assistant professor, director of the Pruet Gerontology Center, 1992; B.S., Abilene Christian University, 1991; M.S., ACU, 1992; Ph.D., University of North Texas, 2002.

Interdisciplinary faculty members include:

- Jon Ashby, Ph.D.**, Communications
- Sonja Barcus, Ph.D.**, Psychology
- David Gotcher, Ph.D.**, Sociology
- Patricia Hernandez, Ph.D.**, Biology
- Dickie Hill, Ph.D.**, Exercise Science and Health
- Charles Trevathan, J.D.**, Sociology and Social Work
- Steve Wages, Ph.d.**, Family and Consumer Sciences

In-residence faculty:

Joe McKissick, Ministry with Older Adult Specialist

Adjunct Faculty:

Jim Hughes, Ph.D., senior adult minister, Skillman Church of Christ, Dallas, Texas.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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