



Social workers work collaboratively to promote older adults' autonomy, safety, and dignity in the face of health problems and other challenges.



Social workers help to develop programs that empower all older adults to connect with each other and their communities.



Social workers help older adults and their families navigate health and social services, adjust to aging-related transitions, and plan for the future.

TOP TEN REASONS STUDENTS “IN THE KNOW” APPLY FOR THE MSW CERTIFICATE IN AGING & HEALTH ...

- 10.** You know that the population is aging and that everyone will be working with older adults in some capacity!
- 9.** You know that almost half of all Veterans are age 55 and older!
- 8.** You know that most people coping with disease and illness are over the age of 55!
- 7.** You know that most people requiring in-patient hospital stays are over the age of 65!
- 6.** You know there are a growing number of older adults with substance abuse problems!
- 5.** You know that many older adults have experienced some form of elder abuse and neglect!
- 4.** You know that one of the top issues in housing is related to providing adequate housing for our aging population!
- 3.** You know that the field of aging and health provides opportunities to be creative (e.g., using new technologies, new therapies, and innovative intergenerational programs).
- 2.** You know you want to be part of a smaller cohesive community and enjoy the perks of being in a certificate program.
- 1.** **You know you want a job!** You know that there is already a shortage in the elder care workforce and the field needs your help!

For more information about the certificate and its requirements, visit

<https://socialwork.rutgers.edu/node/519>

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* Because of conflicting requirements, the Certificate in Aging & Health is not open to students in the Intensive Weekend or 100% Online MSW programs or to students in other MSW Certificate programs.