



Aging Studies Academic Program Fitness for Profession Statement

Master in Science in Gerontology

In reiteration of the University Policy Statement “[A Commitment to Civility at CSUF](#),” the Aging Studies Academic Program would like to stress the importance of maintaining professional etiquette and standards in the classroom, at your internship site, while working with faculty and committee members, and any scenario that may implicate your affiliation with the MSG Program.

The purpose of the MSG Program is to not only prepare you for an exciting and fulfilling career in aging but also, to instill best practices for success and problem solving including communicating and working with a myriad of groups that may have values, beliefs, attitudes and behavior patterns in opposition to your own. Nevertheless, as part of this program, we require all students to meet these challenges with characteristics and behaviors that exemplify the program’s ideals of personal and professional accountability, promoting positive professional relationships with peers, staff, faculty, and especially our community partners.

Students in the MSG Program will undergo evaluation on a continuing basis with reference to the following professional and personal attributes as well as academic performance. **Those who demonstrate unprofessional or unethical behavior, or behavior which indicates unsafe practices may be denied progression or dismissal from the program.** The descriptions of conduct below is not an exhaustive list, but it is meant to provide a foundation from which you may evaluate your strengths and areas of growth in each domain. We encourage further discussion between students and faculty on areas where we may continue to improve and build our reputation as a program that is committed to producing outstanding gerontologist, who appreciate and are able to address the diverse concerns of adult development and aging.