



Ph.D. in Aging Studies

School of Aging Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa

The Ph.D. in Aging Studies program is a campus-wide, interdisciplinary research training program hosted by the USF School of Aging Studies. Students select research mentors from among the faculty and develop individually tailored training programs, generally focused in one of four areas: Aging and Mental Health, Cognitive Aging and Alzheimer’s disease, Public Policy and Long-Term Care, and Aging and Health. The program provides options for research abroad and professional development.

Faculty from the School of Aging Studies:

- Ross Andel** Risk factors for cognitive decline and impairment; early identification of cognitive impairment; health and aging
- Debra Dobbs** Assisted living; palliative and hospice care; advance care planning; long-term services and supports
- William Haley** Caregiving; coping with chronic illness; end-of-life; minority aging
- Gizem Hueluer** Cognitive development and aging; subjective well-being; technology use; analysis of longitudinal data
- Kathryn Hyer** Policies and financing of long-term services and supports; quality of care in nursing homes; health care policy and reform; disaster preparedness
- Soomi Lee** Sleep; work and family; daily stressors and resources; lifespan developmental trajectory of health behaviors; micro-longitudinal methods
- Hongdao Meng** Aging and health policy; health economics; long-term services/supports
- Victor Molinari** Mental health outcomes in long-term care settings; serious mental illness in nursing homes
- Lindsay Peterson** Advance care planning
- Nasreen Sadeq** Early detection of and risk factors for cognitive decline; computerized and online cognitive monitoring
- Brent Small** Cognitive aging; cognitive changes following cancer treatment; multivariate analysis of longitudinal data
- Brianne Stanback** Vulnerable and special populations including jailed older adults

Other faculty from throughout the university are available for mentorship and research opportunities.

First-year students are supported by fellowships. Students in subsequent years are supported by fellowships, research assistantships, and graduate teaching assistantships. All support includes tuition waivers and health insurance. Since the program began in 1994, we have funded 100% of students making satisfactory or better progress through the program.

For more information about the program and the application process, please visit the School of Aging Studies webpage at <https://www.usf.edu/cbcs/aging-studies/> or contact Dr. Ross Andel at randel@usf.edu. **The deadline for applications is December 11.**

Tampa, located on Florida’s Gulf Coast, is part of a major metropolitan area that is exceptionally diverse and offers many opportunities for entertainment and leisure activities. For more information, go to <http://www.visitflorida.com/en-us/cities/tampa.html>.

