



## CENTER FOR APPLIED SCIENCE IN HEALTH & AGING

The WKU Center for Applied Science in Health and Aging (CASHA) offers undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in the healthcare professions the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience in applied aging research through internship opportunities in the fall, spring, or summer terms. Successful candidates will actively participate in research focused on aging, clinical issues in gerontology, evaluation techniques, and inter-professional competencies. Interns will engage in research and gain practical experience alongside established aging-focused faculty and other professionals. This internship will include opportunities to network, job shadow, and observe first-hand the role how academic disciplines collaborate to conduct aging research.

### Why Intern at CASHA?

- Explore and learn about aging, the fastest growing field in healthcare
- Apply knowledge to the 'real' world
- Develop program evaluation, research, and evidence-based practice skills
- Add excellent experience to your résumé or curriculum vitae
- Make contacts and expand your network
- Explore career options through job shadowing

### Eligibility:

At the time of application, students must be actively pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree relating to a health care profession (e.g., kinesiology/exercise science, communication sciences, nursing, medicine, social work, occupational therapy, physical therapy, recreation therapy, pharmacy, psychological sciences) at an accredited university or school.

- Applicants should have a demonstrated interest and related experience in the field of aging
- At a minimum, undergraduate students must be currently completing their second year of their program; students in subsequent years of the program are strongly encouraged to apply. Graduate students may apply at any time during their academic program.
- A background check must have been conducted no more than 6 months prior to the start of the internship.

### Terms of Internship:

- Interns will be expected to complete the 300 hour internship requirement. A typical intern will spend 25 hours per week for 12 weeks, but may finish earlier by working more than 25 hours per week.
- Interns will be expected to work full-time Mondays through Fridays (with the exception of holidays). Some weekend hours may be required on occasion.
- Interns will be required to attend all meetings and other required events
- Interns will be required to work on a project for presentation to the CASHA faculty and/or at a CASHA-faculty approved conference.
- Interns will be required to participate in the evaluation of the internship



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### **How to Apply – Checklist:**

The following documents are required in Word or PDF format. **Applications with missing documents will not be accepted.**

1. An up-to-date résumé or curriculum vitae that highlights accomplishments, initiative, and creativity, as well as interprofessional, leadership and organizational skills, using the following headers in respective order:

- Contact Information: Name, permanent/sessional mailing address, personal/school email address, home/cell number
- Career Goals: Short and long-term
- Education: Current program and university, previous degrees, diplomas and certifications, current overall GPA
- Work Experience
- Volunteer Experience: Professional and community-based volunteer activities
- Leadership Experience
- Academic Awards
- Other Awards
- Presentations and Publications
- Other Scholarly Activities
- Memberships
- Other Headers as Needed

2. A personal statement of interest in the internship (max. 300 words) describing:

- Interest in gerontology and aging
- Past experiences in gerontology and the field of aging
- Any past work experience in research and (will they know what program evaluation is?)
- The relevance of the internship to future career goals
- A brief summary (2-3 sentences) about an aging topic of interest

3. A letter of reference from a supervisor or academic faculty member describing the applicant's reliability and flexibility, leadership potential, interpersonal and communication skills, and suitability for being involved in a geriatric healthcare setting.

### **To Submit an Application:**

**Please address the application to: Dr. Jason Crandall, Director, WKU Center for Applied Science in Health and Aging. Please email your application and direct questions to: Dr. Jason Crandall (casha@wku.edu)**

*Only those candidates being considered for the internship will be contacted.*