

STATUS REPORT ON RECENTLY ESTABLISHED (1-2 YEARS) DEGREE PROGRAMS  
(Authorized January 2006-December 2007)

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

**Date:** 11/20/08

**Constituent University:** University of North Carolina Wilmington

**Degree Program Title:** Applied Gerontology

**Degree Program CIP Number:** 30.1101                      **Level:** M

**Type of Degree:** M.S.

**Date Established:** January 2008

**Headcount Enrollment, as projected in Request for Authorization to Establish, and Actual Headcount Enrollment:**

<u>1st Year (2008)</u>		<u>2nd Year (2009)</u>	
Projected/Actual		Projected/Actual	
<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>N/A</u>

**Degrees Conferred Each Year to Date:** 0 to date

**Resources:** Prior to program initiation, the university funded a new Gerontology Coordinator position in anticipation of program growth and to ensure leadership for the Gerontology Master’s. A national search was initiated in the fall of 2007 for this position to begin Fall 2008. The search committee interviewed candidates and the position was offered to one of the candidates who declined. The search was reopened in August 2008 and is currently underway. In spite of this delay, the MS in Applied Gerontology is ahead of its expected number of students and with meeting curriculum requirements. Faculty resources from other units filling in for the position are being stretched. Lacking a permanent coordinator, the program currently relies on several part-time faculty.

A continued resource concern is the location of the gerontology program which is housed across campus from its home department—Health and Applied Human Sciences. The planning monies for a new building that would house the program have been frozen. Although gerontology program supports a generous number of graduate teaching assistants, there is no office space for them.

**Curriculum:** The curriculum was implemented as proposed.

**Other Information:** The program is being given two years to reach its projected enrollments. Failure to reach target enrollments will result in program cancellation.

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