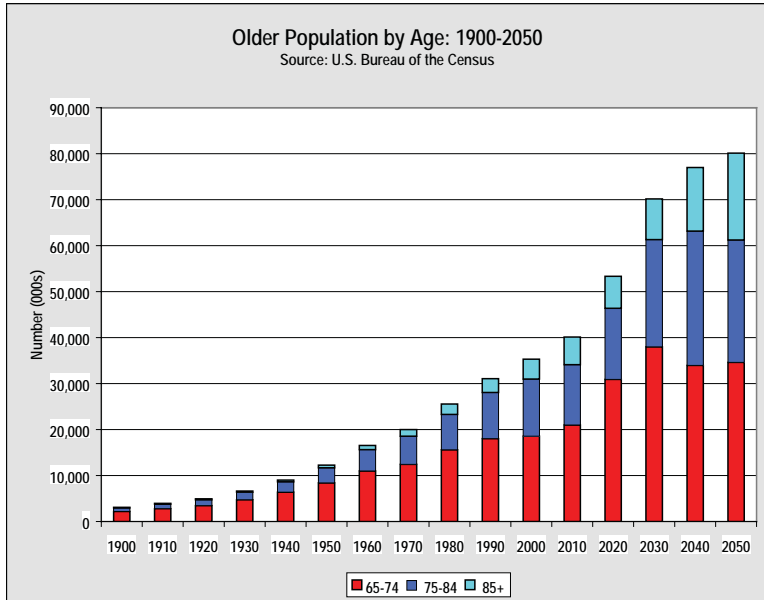


Introduction of A Public Health and Older Adults Series

“The aging of the population is one of the major public health challenges of the 21st century...”

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Public Health and Aging (GRNT 8400, Fall)

Dr. Elaine Cress

This course is designed to increase knowledge of aging as it relates to public health by examination of: (1) published research in gerontological public health; (2) major issues concerning the health and well-being of older adults; and (3) the interaction of the elderly and the health care system.



Public Health Physical Activity Interventions (EXRS 7600 or GRNT 7600, Spring)

Dr. Elaine Cress

This course relates to public health and aging in two basic areas of (1) an ecological approach to increasing physical activity; (2) behaviorally based strategies to increase physical activity and improve nutritional status.

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A five-course series will be taught to focus attention and increase content and methodological expertise on public health and the older population (see <http://www.geron.uga.edu/oldergeorgians/index.php>). The courses are taught at the graduate level, and they are designed for students who are pursuing a) Graduate Certificate of Gerontology, b) Master in Public Health (MPH) or c) Doctor of Public Health (Dr. P.H.) with a concentration on gerontology. These courses are also offered to other interested graduate students.

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Epidemiology of Aging (EPID 8300 or GRNT 8300, Spring)

Dr. Claire Robb

This course addresses the rapidly increasing need for specialized knowledge among epidemiologists in order to effectively promote the health of the aging society in the United States, with a specific focus on epidemiologic methods and their application to the study of function and disease in the elderly.



Epidemiology of Chronic Disease (EPID 8400 or GRNT 8400, Fall)

Dr. Claire Robb

This course will examine chronic disease from an epidemiologic perspective, with an emphasis on methodological and practical issues of study designs, exposure and outcome assessment, factors determining the distribution of selected chronic diseases (e.g., cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, hypertension, Alzheimer's disease) in the population.

Death, Dying, and Bereavement (GRNT 7266, Fall)

Dr. Anne Glass



Prevention and control of chronic disease through public health efforts have resulted in delays in mortality, and death commonly comes late in life after a period of prolonged decline. End-of-life care is a public health priority. Multi- and interdisciplinary approaches are used to explore death, dying, and bereavement. The course also includes consideration of long term care and caregiving issues in the final years.

