

Interdisciplinary Academic Programs

UAB offers a [NIH-funded Medical Scientist Training Program \(MSTP\)](#), a combined MD/PhD program designed to prepare students for careers that combine laboratory investigation of disease mechanisms with the practice and teaching of clinical medicine in an academic setting. The Gerontology Education Certificate Program was established in 1980 through the cooperative efforts of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the Center for Aging. Since that time, the program has expanded considerably and offers diverse academic opportunities. Students have access to a number of faculty members from multiple disciplines who bring research and academic expertise to the study of aging and the aged.