# About the Institute of Gerontology

### Mission

The mission of the Institute of Gerontology (IOG) is to help preserve the independence of District of Columbia residents, and to support low-income and disabled people 60 years old and above, with highquality and compassionate volunteer service, through our Senior Companion and Respite Aide programs.

### Vision

The Institute's vision is to improve the lives of seniors who need assistance to live independently in their homes and communities; to enhance their quality of life through health, wellness, and fitness; to live longer and more productive lives; and to improve cognitive ability and social engagement through university courses for District of Columbia senior citizens.

### Core Values

- » Excellence
- » Collaboration
- » Sustainability
- » Innovation
- » Integrity

Health, wellness, and fitness activities for seniors 60 years old and above in the District of Columbia are provided by IOG through its Bodywise, Fitness, and Health programs.

Higher education, tuition assistance, and intergenerational social engagement are provided by IOG through its Senior Tuition program, for District of Columbia residents 65 years old and above.

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## **Programs**

Senior Companion Program - Touches the lives of adults who need extra assistance to live independently in their own homes and communities. The program serves frail older adults, adults with disabilities, and those with terminal illness. Senior Companions assist their adult clients in basic, but essential, ways: offering companionship and friendship to isolated older adults, assisting with simple chores, providing transportation, and adding richness to their clients' lives.

AmeriCorps Seniors

**Respite Aide Program** - Provides in-home assistance to seniors living alone. The program also provides support to caregivers. The service helps individuals and families deal with challenges of living independently in older adulthood.

Senior Tuition Program - Tuition and fees normally required for students will be waived for qualifying senior citizens. In order to qualify, applicants must be 65 years of age or older, residents of the District of Columbia, and admitted to the University. If a Senior Tuition Student would like to obtain a degree, he/she is required to pay half of the tuition and fees set for the students in their program. Courses are available at the UDC Community College and Van Ness Campus.

Bodywise Health and Fitness Program - Health, wellness, and fitness activities for citizens 60 years old and above in the District of Columbia are provided by IOG, through Bodywise, Fitness, and Health programs. Some of the benefits may include: an increase in participants' cardiovascular efficiency, improved muscular strength and flexibility, and increased physical activity. The Bodywise program consists of water aerobics, yoga, lowimpact aerobics, and movement/chair exercises. Classes are conducted by certified instructors.

# Bodywise Sites & Schedules

### Ward 3

### Wilson Aquatic Center - 4551 Fort Drive, NW 20016

- Water Aerobics Mon, Wed, & Fri, 8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.
- Water Aerobics Mon, Wed, & Fri, 12:00 p.m. 12:45 p.m.

### **UDC Van Ness Student Center, Wellness Center**

4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW 20008

- Low-Impact Aerobics Tues & Thurs, 9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
- Yoga Mon & Fri, 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.

### Ward 4

### Takoma Aquatic Center - 300 Van Buren Street, NW 20011

- Water Aerobics Mon, Wed & Fri, 8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.
- Water Aerobics Mon, Wed & Fri, 12:00 p.m. 12:45 p.m.

### Ward 5

### The View - 635 Edgewood Street, NE 20017

Low-Impact Aerobics/Movement & Chair
 Mon & Fri, 2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### **Turkey Thicket Aquatic Center**

1100 Michigan Avenue, NE 20017

- Water Aerobics Mon, Wed & Fri, 9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
- Water Aerobics Mon, Wed & Fri, 12:00 p.m. 12:45 p.m.

### Ward 7

### Allen House - 3760 Minnesota Avenue, NE 20019

Low-Impact Aerobics/Movement & Chair
 Wed & Fri, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### **Phillip T. Johnson Senior Center**

3440 Minnesota Avenue, SE 20019

Low-Impact Aerobics/Movement & Chair
 Tues & Thurs, 1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### Ward 8

### **SOME Senior Center - Kuehner House**

**1667 Good Hope Road, SE 20020** 

• Movement & Chair - Mon & Wed, 11:15 a.m. - Noon

### Barry Farm Aquatic Center - 1230 Summer Road, SE 20020

- Water Aerobics Mon, Wed, & Fri, 8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.
- Water Aerobics Mon, Wed, & Fri, 12:00 p.m. 12:45 p.m.

### Overlook @ Oxon Hill - 3700 9th Street, SE 20032

- Low-Impact Aerobics/Movement & Chair
- Mon & Fri, 9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m.



To participate in any of these programs, contact IOG for an application.