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## What's stopping a career in gerontological nursing in Iran?

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Between 2000 and 2050, the number of people in the world who are over age 60 is predicted increase from 605 million to 2 billion, the nursing shortage continues to affect all aspects of nursing, and gerontological nursing is no exception. In Iran, according to the country's population and housing census of 2006, aging people over 65 will double to almost over 10 million within seven years from 5,130,000 people in

2006 which will be above 12 percent of the total population. According to some studies, the health status of the elderly in Iran was similar to other countries in the world. However, there continues to be room for improvement. Taking into account the rapidly aging population of Iran, health providers, and policy makers are required to take steps at a national level and direct more resources into supporting the elderly population.

## **Biography**

Mahrouzeh Moslemi Dinehsari has completed her master degree in nursing at the age of 31 years from Iran University of Medical Sciences, Iran. She is a retired faculty member of Tehran University of medical Sciences. She has published some papers in reputed journals and has been serving as a member of Iranian Nursing Scientific Association who has collaboration in editorial tasks of Journal of Gerontology (JOGE).

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