

PAULA VALENCIA-CASTRO

Originally from Chile, Paula graduated in 2001 from the Universidad de Playa Ancha, Chile, with a bachelor of science in kinesiology.

In 2008, she graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), with a master's of public health in epidemiology. She is currently working as a research assistant for the Medication Therapy Management program at the Sanford Center for Aging at UNR.

Paula is currently pursuing a PhD in Environmental Sciences and Health. She is interested in investigating the impact of the built environment and area of residency on individuals' health. Specifically, she is concerned about how these affect older adults' well-being, and its impact on their health and access to health care and medications.

In the Environmental Sciences program she will add to the analytical skills obtained from her public health training, the foundations on Environmental Sciences she needs to pursue her goals. After graduation, Paula plans to continue working in public health, particularly translating research into practice and developing programs to serve older adults.

