

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM LONG TERM CARE ADMINISTRATION

History

Long Term Care Administration and related programs are gaining nationwide appeal as the demographic profile of the U.S. population is aging. In the state of Louisiana, there is no degree program for long-term care administration. One of the Executive Directors at the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators commented: "...more and more people will be needed to serve in these long term care facilities." This program will help to identify the need for an orchestrated effort to develop a degree that will answer the call for coordinated coursework that helps to address the needs of our future leaders to help them better serve the aged in our communities.

Purpose

The Associate's of Science degree in Long Term Care Administration is offered to provide Baton Rouge and the surrounding areas with qualified administrators capable of competing in the job market of the 21st century. The interdisciplinary long term care degree draws on a select combination of arts and sciences, and professional courses to provide students with a foundation that is broad-based and will aid in the understanding of individual and social aspects of aging. Professional skills will also be intertwined as the student begins to progress in the curriculum.

The content of the long-term care administration courses is organized and presented in a manner that provides a foundation of contemporary knowledge essential for effective preparation for further study, advanced education and the pursuit of life-long learning. The program will prepare students to attain an entry-level position with a long term care focus, such as jobs in nursing homes, continuum of care facilities, skilled units, retirement communities, assisted living facilities, senior centers, corporations, volunteer programs, and area agencies on aging or other human services organizations. Students completing the program are encouraged to apply for a bachelor's degree program of their choice pending new changes in state regulations.

Enrollment

Students can be accepted into the program at the beginning of any term. Students may enroll on a full-time or part-time basis.

Length of Program

The total number of credit hours required to complete the program is 65 in addition to achieving an overall C average (2.0 GPA). Louisiana requires the completion of an Administrator In Training (AIT) program, which can take up to six months or 1,000 hours. Once the students complete the program including the AIT, they are eligible to take the state and national board exams to become a licensed nursing home administrator. Candidates are licensed by the state and Louisiana also requires that the applicants pass the national licensing exam. The national licensing exam is referred to as the National Association of Boards of Examiners of Long Term Care Administrators (NAB). NAB develops the exam and sets the passing scores. The Louisiana Nursing Home Association offers both the state and national exams. Thereafter, the state requires continuing education credits each year for re-licensure.

Application Procedure

Students should complete the regular application online through our website at olcollege.edu indicating Long Term Care Administration as their selected program. Any questions related to the online application process should be addressed through the Admissions Office at 225-768-1700. There is no separate application process for a Long Term Care Administration degree. However, a degree declaration must be signed by the Program Director.

Tuition

See published Tuition & Fee Schedule available on our website or request this information from the Admission Office. Internship fees may apply to specific courses.

Financial Assistance

Our Lady of the Lake College has financial aid counselors available to assist students with the financial aid process. All students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form this may be done online at fafsa.ed.gov.

Transferability

Credit earned at a regionally accredited college or university is transferable provided the course is equivalent in content to the course offered at Our Lady of the Lake College. A final grade of C or better must be earned in courses to be transferred. Credit for college level achievement may be awarded through CLEP and/or ACT/PEP examinations. Time limits for transferability of some courses may exist. Information is available in the Office of the Registrar.

Accreditation

Our Lady of the Lake College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Our Lady of the Lake College.

**Associate of Science, Long Term Care Administration
Curriculum Plan**

<u>SEMESTER 1</u>		<u>SEMESTER 2</u>	
Name of Course	Credit hrs.	Name of Course	Credit hrs.
ACSM 1110 Introduction to College Education	1	ENGL 1311 English II	3
RELS 1310 Introduction to Theology	3	BIOL 1110 Introduction to Medical Terminology	1
ENGL 1310 English I	3	PSYC 1310 Introductory Psychology	3
CSCI 1310 Computer Applications	3	SPCH 1310 Fundamentals of Speech	3
PHSC 1310 Physical Science	3	MATH 1315 College Algebra	3
GERO 1310 Introduction to Gerontology	3	LTCA 1310 Intro to Long-Term Care Admin	3
TOTAL	16	TOTAL	16
<u>SEMESTER 3</u>		<u>SEMESTER 4</u>	
HSER 2315 Introduction to Accounting	3	PHIL 2310 Philosophy and Critical Thinking	3
HSER 2320 Macroeconomics in Healthcare	3	PSYC 2330 Psychology Across the Life Span	3
BIOL 1310 Introduction to Biology	3	SOCI 1310 Introductory Sociology	3
LTCA 2310 Administrative Issues in Aging	3	PHIL 2320 Ethical Issues in Healthcare	3
MATH 2315 General Statistics	3	LTCA 2315 Clinical-Administrator in Training	6
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	18
TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR THE DEGREE			65