

Long term Care Certificate for Direct Care Workers

This certificate for Direct Care Workers provides an overview of issues in aging and the main issues direct care workers will be facing. The certificate is designed to enhance clinical skills of direct care providers in long term care facilities, including front line workers, receptionists, and recreation facilitators. It also provides an avenue for health care providers to move into supervisory positions and/or to further their education towards advanced degrees.

This Certificate is 12 credits, 6 of which must be completed at Charter Oak and a ll courses must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better.

Certificate Core Courses

HLT 102: Dementia & Alzheimer's Disease	3cr
HLT 103: Hospice & Palliative Care	3cr
HLT 105: Issues in Aging	3cr
HLT 108: Chronic Conditions	3cr
Total	12cr

Student Learning Outcomes

Students who complete a Certificate for Direct Care Workers should be able to:

1. define gerontology, geriatrics, aging, ageism, and the person-environment approach;
2. describe the major goals of hospice care, the members of the hospice team, and the roles of the nursing assistant or direct caregiver;
3. identify the anatomy and physiology of the brain; and
4. describe the normal aging process and identify physiologic changes.