



CENTER FOR APPLIED GERONTOLOGY: LONG TERM CARE PROFESSIONALS

Course: Modular Education Program for Activity Professionals, Part I

Who should attend:	Those who: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Want to obtain practical experience in therapeutic activities to determine a future career path• Are currently employed in the field and would like to obtain certification by the National Certification Council for Activity Professionals (NCCAP)
Prerequisite(s) or Selection Criteria:	Attendees should: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have a high school diploma or GED• Enjoy working with the aging population• Possess good general communication skills and desire to improve their communication skills with the elderly, cognitively impaired, and sensory deprived• Want to learn about the ethical, medical and pharmacological issues affecting the elderly• Be interested in pursuing the field of activities in long term care
Description:	This program teaches the core competencies of the activity profession. It is one component of NCCAP certification and assures consumers that the NCCAP certified professional has a basic understanding of the delivery of leisure services to their consumers in long term care. General course goals are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide a basic understanding of long term care for the elderly and the relationship of activities to this care.• Offer insights into the aging process and explore the wellness model of care• Explore standards of practice for practitioner behavior• Examine regulations governing activities programs and professionals• Provide practical experiences in the field of activities through a 90 hour supervised practicum. This is also a requirement for NCCAP certification.
Time to Complete:	This program meets two times per week with each class session lasting 3 hours. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Part I A will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from January 24 thru March 2, 2006 (\$300 course fee)• Part I B will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from March 7 thru April 13, 2006, (\$300 course fee)• Parts I A and B may be taken in either order• 45 hour supervised practicum for each part (A and B) is required and set up according to attendees' availability (total 90 hour supervised practicum).• If registered for both Part I A and B, course fee is \$550.
Continuing Education Credit and CEU's:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Part I A is approved by NCCAP for 45 hours.• Part I B is approved by NCCAP for 45 hours.• Total number of contact hours awarded by NCCAP for course work is 90.• Cuyahoga Community College awards 4.5 CEUs for Part I A and 4.5 CEUs for Part I B. Total number of CEUs awarded by CCC for all course work is 9.0
Certification, Registry or Licensing Available:	On the last day of class students will take the NCCAP Activity Assistant exam. This course is a prerequisite for Activity Assistant Certification (AAC) and Activity Director Certification (ADC).
Employment Outlook:	Due to the increasing number of elderly individuals residing in long term care facilities, the need for Activity Professionals will continue to grow. In addition, certified professionals have a greater number of job opportunities, may attain higher salaries, and benefit from enhanced professional recognition and development.
Additional Information:	The program may be taken in its entire 90 hour format or as Part I A or Part I B only. Attendance at all sessions for which the individual is registered is required. Completion of supervised practicum (45 hours for each part/90 hour total) is required. Required textbook: Activities Keep Me Going, Vol. I.
To register or obtain specific scheduling and fee information:	Scheduling and fees or to obtain a catalog: 216-987-2274 Further course information: 216-987-2351 Registration: 216-987-3075

Special Notes: As of October 20, 2001, to direct an Activities Program, you MUST have successfully completed training covering activities programming from a technical or vocational school, college, university, or other educational institution and have one year of experience in recreational activities services, commencing 180 days after the effective date of this rule. The minimum amount of training needed to meet this requirement shall be 90 hours.