

# NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATION - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

**College of Education Health and Human Services**  
School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences  
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## Description

The Nursing Home Administration graduate certificate prepares individuals to apply managerial principles to the administration of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult day care, home health services and other long term care services and supports. Individualized coursework may include instruction in social and clinical aspects of aging, health care delivery systems, long-term care administration, aging policy and government programs, ethics, business management, financial management, human resource management, marketing and applicable laws and regulations. Additionally, it prepares graduates for the national and state licensure examinations required in the State of Ohio to become a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator (LNHA). Once licensed, individuals are qualified to lead organizations in the field of long-term care services and supports. It is particularly appropriate for graduate students from any discipline who are interested in long-term care, but also for individuals currently working in the long-term care field who wish to advance their career as an executive of long-term care services and supports.

Students should be able to complete the certificate within one academic year or three semesters. The certificate includes a practicum as required by the State of Ohio in a skilled nursing facility.

## Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus
- Stark Campus

## Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Official transcript(s)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Minimum 3.00 GPA
- Statement of personal goals and professional objectives
- Documented experience and/or coursework in human development and family studies related area

## Effective spring 2020:

- Questions in Anticipation of Licensure form

For more information about graduate admission, please visit the Graduate Studies website.

## Gainful Employment Disclosure

Disclosure statement for this certificate.

## Graduate Certificate Policy for the College of Education, Health and Human Services

- Students seeking a graduate certificate must maintain a minimum 3.000 grade point average. A graduate certificate student who receives a combination of more than 8 credit hours of B- or lower grades, or more than 4 credit hours of grades lower than C is subject to dismissal. Students who are unable to maintain academic standards of the College are subject to dismissal for academic reasons. Grades of C- or below are not counted toward completion of the certificate.
- Certificates must be completed within six years after the first graduate enrollment.
- No more than 2 credit hours of workshop may be used toward a certificate.
- Before being eligible to be awarded a Certificate, students must be admitted to the Certificate program.
- Students currently in a graduate degree program may also apply to a certificate program. Their degree seeking coursework may be applied to the certificate coursework with advisor approval. The courses must be completed within six years and satisfy certificate course requirements.
- Students who have a previous graduate degree and are not currently seeking another graduate degree may transfer a maximum 6 credit hours with advisor approval. These credits may include hours from another KSU program, or from another accredited institution, if the following conditions are met: (1) courses were at the graduate level; (2) a grade of "A" or "B" was earned; (3) credit will be less than six years old at the time the certificate is conferred at Kent; and (4) student was admitted as a graduate student at the time the course was taken.
- Some program areas may be more restrictive. Students are advised to consult their program.

## Program Requirements Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Certificate Requirements</b>		
GERO 54032	LONG TERM CARE ADMINISTRATION <sup>1</sup>	3
GERO 63092	PRACTICUM IN NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATION I <sup>2</sup>	6
GERO 63192	PRACTICUM IN NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATION II	6
Certificate Electives, choose from the following:		3
ARCH 55640	DEVELOPING ENVIRONMENTS FOR OLDER ADULTS	
GERO 61191	INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR IN GERONTOLOGY	
HDFS 54039	BEREAVEMENT, TRAUMA AND OTHER LOSSES	
HPM 53003	HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS	
PADM 60574	STRATEGIC PLANNING	
SOC 52010	DEATH AND DYING	

Related Course with Advisor Approval

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 18

- <sup>1</sup> GERO 54032 recommended to be taken prior to GERO 63092 and GERO 63192.
- <sup>2</sup> Practicum enrollment by permission only. GERO 63092 and GERO 63192 must be completed consecutively.

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## Graduation Requirements

**Minimum Certificate GPA**

3.000

- Minimum 3.000 GPA must be maintained throughout the program.
- Students may be required to successfully complete a 40 hour volunteer experience at a skilled nursing facility if missing from their current academic or work experience.

## Program Notes

- State/Federal background checks may be required for some practicum/internship sites. Results indicating one of the disqualifying offenses, whether expunged or current, may result in the inability to be placed at a skilled nursing facility for the required practicum credit hours and may prevent the applicant from applying for licensure required to operate a skilled nursing facility or assisted living facility. Contact Ohio Board of Executives of Long Term Services and Supports (BELTSS) for licensure eligibility with a disqualifying offense. Please see faculty advisor for more information.