

Gracewoods Niles Assisted Living Executive Director Earns Ohio, National Certification

A Niles Assisted Living Executive Director has successfully completed the training program and examination for assisted living executives in Ohio, and has been awarded an Ohio Certification.

Jan Gilliland, Executive Director at Gracewoods Niles Assisted Living, Niles, Ohio, has successfully completed the Certified Executive for Assisted Living (CEAL) certification program offered through the Ohio Health Care Association (OHCA), and has passed the NAB (National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards) Residential Care/Assisted Living Administrators Examination to earn the CEAL designation.

CEAL is a comprehensive certification program designed to elevate the skills and professionalism of assisted living administrators in Ohio by providing a national certification along with Ohio's most comprehensive state specific training.

The CEAL Training Course is a combination of interactive classroom training, guided self-study and hands-on clinical learning.

Following the 4-day CEAL Training Course, candidates must complete the NAB Examination to be awarded the CEAL designation. The Ohio CEAL is awarded to candidates based on 100% class participation including completion of in-class quizzes, testing, and successful passage of the NAB Examination.

Since 2013, OHCA has trained more than 300 students nationally who have earned their CEAL designation. The program is designed for experienced assisted living executives looking for a competitive edge in the marketplace, or those interested in obtaining the necessary skills to successfully lead an assisted living building in Ohio or nationwide.

Although Ohio does not currently require certification for assisted living administrators, CEAL has aligned its program curriculum with the NAB Residential Care/Assisted Living Administrators Licensing Examination so that credentialed assisted living executives in Ohio meet national competency standards and are well positioned for any future changes to Ohio's RCF administrator requirements. For more information about CEAL, please contact OHCA at 614-436-4154.

The Ohio Health Care Association is the largest Ohio non-profit association representing assisted living communities, skilled nursing facilities, and providers serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities which caring for more than 80,000 individuals in the state. OHCA assisted living members are also represented by the National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL), an affiliate of the American Health Care Association.



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