WisCaregiver Careers Program Update
June/July 2018

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The Department of Health Services Working to Address Long-Term Care Workforce Challenges

OUR GOALS

• To increase the number of nurse aides available to work in Wisconsin nursing homes
• To inform the public about the benefits of working in a Wisconsin nursing home and the opportunity to make a difference

PARTICIPATION TO DATE

14 Technical colleges with approved nurse aide training programs
15 Nursing homes with approved nurse aide training programs
301 Nursing homes that agree to pay $500 retention bonus
2,670 Students registered in WisCaregiver Careers
621 Students registered for training
177 Students completed training
11 Students employed

WEBINAR SERIES – WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

Beginning March 1, the Department of Health Services (DHS) began hosting a series of monthly webinars featuring nursing home staff and other experts in the field sharing their best practices for successful recruitment and retention of staff. Additional information is provided via WisCaregiver Careers GovDelivery bulletins close to the date of each webinar. Webinars are recorded and made available in the Workforce Solutions section of the WisCaregiver Careers webpage.

A listing of all WisCaregiver Career webinars is available in P-02141.

August 2 Recruiting, Retention, and Decreasing the Use of Agency Staff
Karen Hayden, NHA, SSM St. Mary’s; Megan Firari, Human Resources Specialist, Clearview Nursing and Rehabilitation

September 6 Staff Appreciation
Dr. Paul White, author and President, Appreciation at Work

October 11 Caregivers SOAR
Susan Churchill, Sharon Mylrea, Development Specialists, UW Oshkosh; Center for Community Development, Engagement and Training

November 1 Creative Ways to Retain Staff
Christine M.W. Witt, Executive Director, Advanced Employment, Inc.

December 6 Year One Highlights and Accomplishments
NURSING ASSISTANT WEEK

Governor Walker recently celebrated Wisconsin’s nursing assistants and highlighted WisCaregiver Careers throughout Wisconsin. While visiting Rennes Health and Rehab Center in De Pere, he proclaimed the week of June 11-17, 2018, as “Nursing Assistant Week.” A copy of Governor Walker's proclamation can be viewed here.


PUBLICATION LINKS

- P-02140: WisCaregiver Careers Facility Practices for Recruitment and Retention
- P-02141: WisCaregiver Careers: Workforce Solutions 2018 Webinar Series
- P-02031: WisCaregiver Career Program: Participating Nurse Aide Training Programs (map of nursing homes that have agreed to pay $500 retention bonus)
- P-02031A: WisCaregiver Career Program: Participating WisCaregiver Nurse Aide Training Programs (map of nursing homes and technical colleges with NATP sites)

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