

NATIONAL AWARDS

Each year, ACHCA celebrates excellence in long term care leadership through its national awards program. Leaders in the field are recognized for their contributions in categories including Distinguished Administrator, New Administrator, Distinguished Service, Public Service, Education and Journalism. Scholarships are also awarded to students and emerging leaders through dedicated funds and endowments.



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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

By joining ACHCA, you gain access to a wealth of resources that will empower you to maximize your leadership potential... and opportunities. Take advantage of the networking, professional education, and mentoring resources that membership provides. Learn how to effectively lead your organization—and perhaps evolve to serve as a leader of your professional society and your field. Opportunities abound for seasoned and emerging leaders to get involved and make a difference both locally and nationally. Get involved in your state chapter, within your district, or on a national level. If you are interested in charting the course for the future of your profession, consider becoming active with ACHCA's committees including the Academy of Long Term Care Leadership and Development.

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ABOUT ACHCA

Founded in 1962, the American College of Health Care Administrators is the only professional association devoted to meeting the professional needs of today's long term care leader. ACHCA's mission focuses on advancing leadership excellence in long term care through the provision of leadership education, the promotion of professional advancement programs such as professional certification and advancement to Fellow, and the facilitation of leadership development. ACHCA's diverse membership includes administrators and executives of assisted living communities, nursing homes, subacute centers, and retirement communities, as well as academics and other professional and business leaders across the spectrum of long term care.

BENEFITS OF ACHCA MEMBERSHIP

Membership in ACHCA provides long term care leaders with continuous professional growth, the opportunity for lifelong learning, and the ability to build a network of colleagues.

Access to Professional Resources

- Members-only newsletters
- Peer2Peer file sharing
- Complimentary industry journals
- Career Link

Leadership Development

- National, regional and local conferences
- Professional Advancement—Certification and Fellow status
- Self-study and distance continuing education programs
- Academy of Long Term Care Leadership and Development
- Leadership volunteerism and mentoring opportunities

Networking

- Chapter and district network
- Peer2Peer e-forum
- Social events at conferences

ACHCA Partnerships and Member Discounts



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NETWORKING

Whether you are new to the profession or long-established in the field, membership in ACHCA gives you the opportunity to build a network of colleagues, both locally and nationally. As an ACHCA member, you belong to an elite group of long term care leaders who share your commitment to excellence. Take advantage of face-to-face meetings and conferences, enjoy daily access to your colleagues through the members-only Peer2Peer e-Forum, and participate in ACHCA's new mentoring program for emerging long term care administrators.



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CONTINUING EDUCATION

As a member of ACHCA, you will be invited to a wide array of national, regional, and local meetings, seminars and workshops. In addition to face-to-face opportunities to learn, develop professionally, and maintain licensure, ACHCA also provides distance learning to its members. Take advantage of live and archived webinars, as well as independent study options through industry journals and popular leadership literature. ACHCA's continuing education offerings are approved by the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB) for both NHA and RCAL credit and most are also approved for nursing credit.



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ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOW

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The designation of Fellow signifies the highest level of achievement within ACHCA membership. Obtaining the FACHCA credential illustrates your dedication to long term care and demonstrates your ongoing commitment to staff, residents, community and your professional association. Fellow status is a mark of distinction that others recognize and respect. Once you have advanced to Fellow, it is a designation that you keep for life, as long as you maintain your ACHCA membership.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

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Certified Assisted Living Administrator (CALA)
Certified Nursing Home Administrator (CNHA)

ACHCA offers certification for both assisted living and nursing home administrators. Becoming professionally certified demonstrates that you have the knowledge, skills, values and leadership experience necessary to provide quality services. It also provides visible and tangible evidence of public accountability to residents, families, staff, and the broader community.

Benefits of Professional Certification:

- National recognition
- Recognition for state licensure in several states
- Commitment to the public good
- Enhancement of the profession
- Personal satisfaction and sense of achievement
- Employer recognition
- ACHCA recognition

