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Long-term Care **NEWSLETTER**

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LTC Update:

- **Free Virtual Courses for Skilled Nursing Facility Personnel**
- **Indiana Health Care Foundation 2024 Long-term Care Scholarships**
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Free Virtual Courses for Skilled Nursing Facility Personnel

The Indiana Department of Health and the University of Indianapolis Center for Aging and Community are offering free virtual courses for skilled nursing facility personnel in subject areas relevant to the long-term care setting. The courses are:

- [Emergency and Disaster Management in Long Term Care](#) – May 14 and 28
 - Co-taught by Kara Cecil, DrPH and Bill Reckert, MSM
 - Topics covered include the four phases of emergency management, review of CMS risk assessment template and self-assessment checklist, tabletop exercises, improving your Emergency Action Plan (EAP), emergency communications, the importance of documentation, and training in a high turnover field.
- [Abuse and Neglect Prevention in Long Term Care](#) – May 21
 - Taught by Becky Bartle, MSN, RN, HFA
 - Topics covered include human dignity for all persons, recognizing abuse and neglect, causes of abuse and neglect of residents, training for staff that prevents stressors, abuse by other residents, abuse by visitors/family members, preventing abuse and neglect and intervening, reporting abuse and neglect, and mechanisms to administratively monitor for potential abuse.

Each course offers long-term care specific examples. Courses will be offered at various times from January 2024 through May 2025. CEUs are available through the Indiana Department of Health for administrators and social workers.

For more information and to register, click on the corresponding course name above. These courses are funded through the Indiana Department of Health using Civil Money Penalty funds.

If you have any questions, please contact Leah Jones at the University of Indianapolis Center for Aging and Community at Jonesl001@uindy.edu.

Indiana Health Care Foundation 2024 Long-term Care Scholarships

Founded in 1997, the Indiana Health Care Foundation is an independent, statewide 501(c)(3) not-for-profit that provides scholarships and workforce development programming for all long-term care professionals in the state of Indiana.

The 2024 scholarship cycle is now open to ALL long-term care employees in the state. IHCF has more than \$30,000 in scholarship funds available for a variety of LTC professionals and positions! Learn more [here](#).

- **Nursing (LPN/ASN/BSN) Scholarships:** Multiple scholarships are available ranging from \$1,000 - \$5,000 dependent upon merit, need and demand for individuals pursuing educational training for LPN/RN (PN/Associate/Bachelor) degrees.
- **Wound Care Certification Scholarship:** One scholarship valued at \$2,800 for an individual pursuing educational training for the [Online Wound Care Management Course](#) through the Wound Care Education Institute.
- **Health Facility Administrator/Residential Care Administrator Scholarship:** One scholarship valued at up to \$4,295 for an individual pursuing educational training for the [Health Facility Administrator/Residential Care Administrator licensure course offered by Success Development, inc.](#)
- **Social Service Designee Scholarship:** One scholarship valued at \$599 for an individual pursuing educational training for the six-day [Social Services Designee course offered by Success Development, inc.](#)
- **Career Climb Professional Development Scholarships:** Multiple scholarships valued at up to \$1,000 each are available to applicants to use toward any variety of LTC professional development opportunities, including conferences, certifications, college degree programs, one-day training events, etc. by Dec. 31.

Recommendation Forms:

In addition to the application form, each applicant must have two completed recommendation forms.

- Download the recommendation form [here](#).
- These forms must be uploaded to the recommendation form portal (linked [here](#)) by the person completing the recommendation by **May 24**.
- Please see the information on the recommendation form for details on uploading the form.

Please contact Emily Berger at admin@indianahealthcarefoundation.org with questions.

Area 2 Supervisor

Julie Waganer is the supervisor for Area 2 (north central Indiana). You can find the names of all area supervisors, their contact information, and a map of the areas each supervisor covers [here](#).