



Dear Agency Contact:

As of Fall semester, 2018, the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Georgia Southwestern State University offers a degree in Long Term Care Management (LTCM). This health sciences degree is interdisciplinary combining knowledge and skills from business, nursing, psychology, sociology and caregiving.

The healthcare workforce must change as the needs of our population change. Statistics remind us that more than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease and by 2050, projections are that over 16 million families will be affected. With increasing numbers of chronic illnesses and disabilities across the lifespan, the workforce must be prepared to handle the care issues and needs of these individuals.

The Long Term Care Management degree graduate will be prepared to assist patients and caregivers to transition from hospital to home, to connect to community resources and also manage the care of residents in an institutional setting. The workforce needs of today require a skill set that can only be achieved through an interdisciplinary approach. With our aging demographics and increasing longevity and diversity, workers are needed who have managerial skills, can create and navigate budgets, communicate well with families, and who are compassionate and culturally sensitive.

We are seeking internship experiences for our students and believe that your agency may be a valuable resource for this opportunity. The internship required hours are 150 hours over a 15 week period. Guiding the internship experience are broad learning outcomes:

Students completing this course should be able to:

- 1) Examine the influence of cultural issues related to long term community and residential living.
- 2) Discuss services management from both an institutionalized and a community based perspective.
- 3) Analyze how the principles of long term care are integrated and supported within the environment of both institutionalized and community based settings.
- 4) Apply knowledge of long term care principles within the assigned internship setting.

Students should experience care planning, assessment, budgeting and finance, staff meetings, and family counseling. If you have interest in providing this experience for the student majoring in Long Term Care Management, please share a brief narrative on the types of experiences you can provide as well as contact information for sending the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and the ALE (Applied Learning Agreement).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leisa Easom".

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