

## NATIONAL AWARDS

Each year, The College 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 The College, 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 serve as a leader of your professional society and your field, as well. 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 Academy of Long Term Care Leadership and Development.

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## ABOUT THE COLLEGE

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. The College'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. The College's diverse membership includes administrators and executives of assisted living communities, nursing homes, subacute facilities and retirement communities, as well as academics and other industry leaders.

## BENEFITS OF ACHCA MEMBERSHIP

Membership in The College 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 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 The College gives you the opportunity to build a network of colleagues, both locally and nationally. As a College 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 The College's new mentoring program for novice long term care administrators.



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## CONTINUING EDUCATION

As a member of the College, 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, The College also provides distance learning to its members. Take advantage of live webinars, as well as independent study options through industry journals and popular leadership literature. The College's continuing education offerings are approved by the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB) 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 The College. Obtaining the FACHCA credential illustrates your hard work in long term care and demonstrates your ongoing commitment to staff, residents and community. 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)

The College 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
- Eligibility 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

