career opportunities in ASSISTED LIVING for Gerontology Graduates

RELEVANT POSITIONS

**Director of Activities, Resident Programs** – Plans, organizes and directs social, educational and recreational programs to meet residents’ needs, interests and abilities.

**Director of Resident Care** – Plans, supervises and coordinates all resident care and health related care. Supervises nursing personnel. Responsible to the Executive Director for ensuring compliance with applicable regulations.

**Director of Memory Care Services** – Plans, supervises and coordinates all memory care and health related care. Supervises memory care nursing personnel. Responsible to the Executive Director for ensuring compliance with applicable regulations.

**Community Relations** – Plans, schedules and conducts community events. Prepares and places advertising for publications. Reviews resident applications and facilitates admission of new residents. Works to promote the community and obtain new residents.

**Executive Director** – Responsible for the overall management of the Assisted Living community. Coordinates residents’ care, administers program policies/procedures, and manages day-to-day activities such as staffing, budgeting and marketing.
“Working in Assisted Living communities has been a great way to apply my master’s degree in gerontology. The Assisted Living setting offers variety, flexibility and the opportunity to work with a diverse population. After ten years in the field, I continue to be challenged to solve complex issues both big and small, all the while never losing touch with the population that inspires me.”

Patty Weir, Director of Operations, AgeSong Lake Merritt

**Assisted Living is...**

- Distinguished by the goal of helping seniors live as independently as possible in the least restrictive setting.
- Defined as a licensed residential setting that provides 24 hour care and supervision to seniors who need assistance, but do not require around-the-clock nursing care.
- Dedicated to providing excellent care and services to residents, including assistance with activities of daily living, medication management, social activities, housekeeping, meals, transportation, and, in some cases, memory care programs and health-related services.

**Assisted Living at a Glance**

- A growing, stable industry, there are nearly 8,000 licensed Assisted Living communities in California.
- 164,824 seniors live in California’s Assisted Living communities.
- 91% of residents are satisfied with their Assisted Living experience.
- Assisted Living provides more than 68,000 jobs in California.

**Benefits of a Career in Assisted Living**

- There’s an increase in the demand for jobs in Assisted Living due to California’s continued growing aging population.
- Professionals in Assisted Living enjoy a high degree of personal satisfaction from their contribution to enhancing seniors’ quality of life.
- There are opportunities for career advancement within the profession for those with a gerontology background.