RECENT NEWS

HCAD program achieves prestigious HSE accreditation

The UWEC health care administration program is the first university program in the country to be accredited as a Health Services Executive Program. An announcement was made at the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB) mid-year meeting November 8-10 in Savannah, GA. UWEC HCAD graduates from 2015 are eligible to apply to become HSE qualified if they already have a nursing home administrator license. » Learn more

MEETINGS/EVENTS

January 24-26, 2018
UMBC Erickson School
6th Annual Memory Care Summit
Disney's Coronado Springs Resort
Lake Buena Vista, FL
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Thursday, Apr. 26, 2018
18th Annual CHAASE Spring Banquet

July 17-19, 2018
National Emerging Leadership Summit
Washington, D.C.
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Save the date! 2018 CHAASE Spring Banquet

Mark your calendar for CHAASE’s 18th annual Spring Banquet on April 26, 2018. This year’s theme, “Making a Difference: Emerging leaders impacting seniors’ lives,” will give you an inspiring look into the importance of developing future leaders and the impact they have on customer satisfaction and quality of life for the people and families we serve.

Join over 400 people, including students, families, CHAASE board members, long-term care organizations, friends of CHAASE, and educators as we celebrate the accomplishments of our students and update attendees on CHAASE’s activities this past year. **Clint Maun**, a nationally recognized leader in healthcare consulting, speaking and research, will provide an engaging keynote sharing numerous stories, examples and learning lessons from his experiences in the health and aging services profession.

**HCAD students engaged across the country**

**July 16, 2018**
WHCA/WiCal Care Classic Golf Outing

**SUPPORT CHAASE**

**Support the CHAASE Advancement Fund**

CHAASE welcomes and invites your support. Private gifts and grants from individuals, organizations & foundations are welcome as CHAASE pursues its goal to enhance learning opportunities for health care administration students.

Your contribution to the CHAASE Advancement Fund will be gratefully accepted by the UW-Eau Claire Foundation Inc. You will receive a receipt for tax purposes and be recognized in the Foundation’s annual honor roll of donors. To make a difference and to contribute to the future of health and aging services, please visit the Foundation's website.

**NOTE: Select "Health Care Administration" in the fund drop-down.**
The health care administration faculty have been working diligently to provide more opportunities and experiences for our students. Through partnerships with the American Health Care Association (AHCA/NCAL), LeadingAge, the American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA), the National Investment Center for Seniors and Housing (NIC), Direct Supply, Pathway Health, and generous support from our CHAASE funds, we have been able to arrange multiple experiences for the current academic year, which include:

- In September, Dr. Olson traveled to the annual NIC Fall Conference in Chicago, IL and had two HCAD students in attendance with him there.
- Drs. Hansen and Olson took six students to the LeadingAge Annual Meeting and Expo in New Orleans, LA over the October Halloween weekend. LeadingAge generously provided scholarships to enable student attendance, and CHAASE covered some additional travel expenses to make this possible.
- Lindsey Creapeau attended the Care Providers Fall Conference and had lunch with practicum students, preceptors and alumni who were in attendance. We had eight students attend the conference, and we appreciate our state association partners who make this opportunity accessible for our students.
- In November, Dr. Hansen traveled with two HCAD students (the President and Vice President of the ACHCA student organization) to the ACHCA Fall Forum in Atlanta, GA.
- Dr. Olson also worked with Pathway Health to have six students attend their Annual Educational Summit in Bloomington, MN.
- For the annual Winterim Immersion trip, Dr. Hansen and Ms. Creapeau have been working to set up an experience in Milwaukee, WI again this year. For the trip this year, we are taking a record-breaking 22 students along for a three-day trip to visit the Jewish Home and Care Center, Direct Supply, and the
Milwaukee Catholic Home, plus some fun evening events while in Milwaukee.

- Over the past few months, Dr. Hansen has been working with several individuals at AHCA/NCAL to have eight HCAD students serve as Silver Award examiners this coming spring. The eight students will travel with Dr. Hansen to an AHCA/NCAL led training, and then will work remotely in their teams over Spring Semester to evaluate award applicants.
- As part of his annual course, Dr. Olson will be taking 47 HCAD students with him to the LeadingAge Wisconsin Spring Conference in Wisconsin Dells, WI. Dr. Olson alternates attendance each year between LeadingAge Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Health Care Association spring conferences.
- Last but not least, Drs. Johs-Artisensi, Hansen, and Olson have been working with six students on research projects throughout the year. Students will be applying in January to submit their posters for this work to the annual ACHCA Convocation in Orlando, FL, which will be held in April prior to the annual CHAASE banquet. The students will be applying for the ACHCA scholarship to attend, and other travel costs will be provided through CHAASE funds.

The Center has come a long way over the years to increase opportunities for our HCAD students. The ‘Power of And’ is alive and well within our program thanks to the generosity and support of our partners and supporters.

UWEC HCAD program welcomes new staff members

The UW-Eau Claire Center for Health Administration and Aging Services Excellence (CHAASE) is pleased to welcome Lindsey Creapeau, M.A., the new health care administration practicum coordinator in the Department of Management and Marketing. Creapeau replaces LaNette Flunker who retired on August 31. Creapeau will manage senior practicum students and teach a
variety of courses.

Prior to coming to UW-Eau Claire, Creapeau was the Director of Community Relations at Azura Memory Care in Eau Claire, WI. She also has experience in a Managed Care Organization (Family Care/Medicaid) and taught at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Creapeau has a graduate degree in interpersonal/organizational communication and an undergraduate degree in interpersonal/organizational communication and psychology with a human services emphasis (both from UWSP). She holds a Dementia Specialist designation in the state of Wisconsin.

We are also pleased to have Kylie Holmstadt join our team. Kylie has been hired as the University Services Associate with the Management & Marketing department to replace Pam Blanchette who retired this past summer. In her role, Kylie provides administrative support for the health care administration program.

Kylie is a UW-Eau Claire graduate with a BA in spanish with a business and professions emphasis. Prior to taking this position, she worked for a technical college as an assistant to the Deans of Business/Academic Initiatives and General Education/Liberal Arts.

**CHAASE announces new freshmen scholarships**

This fall, incoming freshmen health care administration declared majors have the opportunity to apply for $1,000 scholarships. Students will need to meet the following criteria to be eligible: An ACT score of 25, a high school GPA of 3.5 or high school rank of top 25% of class. The scholarships are made possible through the generosity and support of the following organizations and individuals:

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Recently, Lori and Tom Morris have also created a freshman scholarship named the Honoring Grandparents Scholarship. We view these opportunities as a valuable tool for recruiting and for overall support of our students and sincerely thank our sponsors. We appreciate the support of all of our student scholarship sponsors.

The Center has a variety of needs and giving opportunities throughout the year, including the creation of scholarships, supporting student excellence initiatives, sponsoring new programs, providing support for faculty development and building an endowment. Please contact Dr. Douglas Olson at olsondou@uwec.edu if you would like further information on any of these opportunities. If you would like to participate in this year's alumni and friends campaign, a gift can be made directly by clicking on the following link. » Join the Caring Club