



DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL

CERTIFICATE
18 CREDITS

This certificate provides a foundation in communication, behavior management, and critical thinking skills for basic services in various settings like acute, long-term care, personal care, or independent living facilities. Students can become helping professionals without a degree, leveraging interpersonal skills and knowledge of human development as valuable assets.

Students bring diverse levels of understanding and experiences. Emphasis is placed on behavior modification principles, medical terminology, ethics in the helping profession, and cultural sensitivity. This encourages self-reflection as a competent helper.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Independent Residential Living facilities
- Long-Term Care Facilities
- Personal Care Homes
- Rehabilitation Treatment Facilities

KEY COURSES

- Health Information for the Social Sciences
- Microcomputer Applications
- Human Development Across the Lifespan
- Beginning Interviewing Skills and Documentation
- Principles of Behavior Management

WE ARE ACCREDITED.

Penn Highlands is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. This means you will receive the same quality of education as major four-year institutions in our area.

WE ARE FAMILY.

Our supportive staff and faculty are here for you. We are available to listen, offer advice, and provide support to help you succeed. With an 18:1 student-to-faculty ratio, the hands-on support you will receive feels like family.



DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THIS PROGRAM.

