

## NURSING HOME ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

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**Legal Authority** Code of Iowa 481, Chapter 58

**Job Description** Persons in this profession organize and lead recreation programs to promote the psychosocial well being of residents, assuring the highest level of participation by residents/clients in health care facilities. These are usually individual or group activities that may include exercise, games and crafts, social outings, musical entertainment, and visits by church groups and other organizations.

**Education & Experience Required** An applicant is not required to have any particular number of years of education, but must be at least 16 years of age, attend a workshop lasting 60 hours, and pass a written exam given at the end of the workshop.

Previous health care assessment and care planning experience is desirable. Applicants must have good writing skills and will be required to complete assessments and care plans in health care facilities.

**Continuing Education** There are no continuing education requirements.

**Examination** There is a written examination at the end of a required 60-hour workshop.

**Fees** Application: None  
Duration: No expiration to the certificate  
Renewal: None  
Exam: None  
Other: \$100 – Workshop fee, roughly

**SOC Code, Title & Avg. Hourly Wage** 39-9032 – Recreation Workers (\$8.28)

**Number of Licenses Issued** Total number of licenses active as of December 31,  
2001: Unknown  
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