



JAWS FALL 2023 WELCOME TO LTC!

Student Participant Key Insights

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Why did you want to participate in the JAWS Welcome to LTC! Program?

- I wanted to look at different areas of healthcare
- “I wanted to see if the media reports of nursing homes are true? No, they are not!”
- “I have a great relationship with my grandmother. I love older adults.”
- “I did JAWS because I love people and I want to make a difference.”
- “I wanted to get a ‘foot in the door’ with an internship.”
- “I have disabled family members and enjoyed the varied activities provided in the day program.”
- ”Investigation, to learn more about workers in LTC”
- “To see if there is a cross-over between pediatrics and geriatrics”
- “Work opportunities are important for students”
- “My mother is a nurse, and I will get my CNA and then become a physician”

What is one thing you learned from JAWS Welcome to LTC?

- “I changed my mind about seniors as sad, withdrawn and quiet. Not his place, it is full of kindness and laughter.”
- “It is really nice to hear the stories. There is satisfaction in knowing the residents like to have someone to talk to and share their stories.”
- “All healthcare is connected.”
- “Everything ties together...the diet, the care plan....the team.”
- “Everyone has their own story. It is good to learn from other generations. Listening is important to let others unload their wisdom.”
- “I learned patience.”; “How to move out of my comfort zone”
- Intergenerational communication is rewarding
- “Always make room to help...”
- ”How important communication skills are”
- “The importance of teamwork”
- “The importance of organization and knowing team roles.”
- “The components of a business.”

- “The importance of therapy”
- “The importance of keen observation skills”
- “The importance of one-on-one time with the residents. I learned from the residents’ stories the importance of purpose and the wisdom of living”
- “Pride LTC team members have in the work they do”
- “Energy of the staff team members for the work they do”
- “Social skills and empathy”; “Compassion”
- “Time management”

What is one thing that surprised you about LTC?

- “How busy the nurses are. They need additional staff. It makes me want to be one of those.”
- “How important it is to like your job.”
- “The importance of nonverbal communication”
- “The engagement of the staff in the JAWS experience.”
- “I was included and able to earn my CPR certification with the staff during my JAWS internship.”
- “How much I enjoyed meeting and learning with the other JAWS interns”
- “I could see myself doing this”

After your JAWS experience, how would you define LTC?

- LTC is a home
- LTC is giving people a family
- LTC is a place to thrive surrounded by people who care for you
- LTC is an opportunity to experience healthcare
- LTC is around the clock
- LTC is a group or a company to grow independence in others
- LTC is about maintaining quality of life regardless of physical or mental condition”
- LTC is about professionalism
- LTC is about team and coordination where the residents come first
- LTC is complex
- LTC is having someone help you with self-care to learn new skills and to have fun

Would you recommend the JAWS experience to other CTE students?

- Yes! (Every participant)

Would you participate in another JAWS LTC experience?

- Yes! (Every participant)
- “Make the JAWS experience longer!”

Adjectives to describe the JAWS Welcome to LTC! experience

- Amazing; absolutely amazing; amazing experience
- Informative, interesting, educational
- Needed

- Uplifting, inspirational
- Respectful, inclusive, welcoming, warm, open
- Engaging, positive
- Eye opener; insightful
- Best experience, Priceless
- Challenging
- Fun!

May 2023 Student Response:

When asked what they will tell other students about the internship, replied "The human soul is more beautiful than you know and doesn't diminish with age." We are really touched by the wisdom of our youth.

