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CRCC Revitalizes Life Care Planning Training Program and Announces Partnership with ICHCC for CLCP and CCLCP Certification

SCHAUMBURG, IL – The Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) today announced the revitalization of a Life Care Planning training program previously offered through Capital University Law School, with the program expected to launch in 2026. The program will be open to qualified professionals from rehabilitation counseling as well as related allied health, healthcare, and human services disciplines who are interested in developing expertise in life care planning.

CRCC has partnered with curriculum developers **Sherry A. Latham, BSN, RN, CLCP, MSCC, CNLCP, FIALCP**, and **Mary Barros-Bailey, PhD, CRC, NCC, CLCP, ABVE/AE, CVE, CCC**, to acquire and modernize the curriculum originally taught through Capital University. Both will continue to serve as the program's primary consultants and educators.

In addition, CRCC has partnered with the **International Commission on Health Care Certification (ICHCC)** to support the Certified Life Care Planner (CLCP) and the Certified Canadian Life Care Planner (CCLCP) credentials. Through this collaboration, CRCC will deliver a comprehensive training program designed to prepare professionals pursuing certification administered by ICHCC.

CRCC is proud to relaunch the training program following its absence from the marketplace. The initiative responds to growing national demand for Life Care Planners and aims to prepare the next generation of professionals working at the intersection of rehabilitation, healthcare, and the legal system.

“Life Care Planning is one of the fastest-growing areas in which our constituents are working,” said **Pam Shelmon, CRCC, President and CEO of the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification**. “As more individuals require specialized expertise to plan for long-term care and living needs, we are excited to offer a robust educational program that prepares qualified professionals to meet this increasing demand across the United States. This initiative reflects CRCC’s commitment to expanding advanced practice opportunities for rehabilitation professionals.”

Life Care Planners play a critical role in legal and clinical cases involving individuals with catastrophic injuries or chronic illnesses. Drawing on expertise in disability, rehabilitation, and functional assessment, they work alongside healthcare providers and legal teams to project the lifetime costs associated with an individual’s care. These projections may

include treatments and medications, home and attendant care, transportation, assistive technology, and specialized equipment.

The relaunched program will deliver a modern, evidence-based curriculum designed to reflect the evolving demands of today's legal and healthcare environments. Coursework incorporates current literature, professional standards, and methodologies used in the field.

"I felt the life care planning community needed a robust, updated curriculum grounded in evidence-based practice to best prepare students to practice in the field of litigation," said **Sherry A. Latham, RN, CLCP**. "Our program prepares participants through a deep dive into methodology, research, and evidence-based literature, culminating in a forensic mock deposition and trial. That real-world experience has long been a hallmark of the program."

The program includes an in-person residency in the final module, during which participants must defend a peer-reviewed life care plan in a mock deposition and trial before attorneys, a judge, and a jury.

"Often, alumni told us that the program's comprehensive training in methodology, research, and critical analysis significantly accelerated their professional development," said **Mary Barros-Bailey, PhD, CRC, CLCP**. "Many shared that the experience likely shaved years off their learning curve and gave them confidence as early practitioners in life care planning."

The relaunch represents a renewed commitment by CRCC to support the development of skilled professionals capable of navigating complex cases and delivering meaningful support to both evaluatees and legal teams.

The Life Care Planning training program is expected to launch in Q4 2026. Additional details including program structure, pricing, and registration information, will be announced in the coming months.

About the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification® (CRCC)

CRCC® is the world's largest rehabilitation counseling organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with disabilities. CRCC promotes quality rehabilitation counseling services through its nationally accredited **Certified Rehabilitation Counselor® (CRC**®) certification program, continuing education opportunities, and advocacy for ethical and professional standards. CRCC serves rehabilitation counselors and related professionals across the United States and internationally who work to support independence, employment, and community participation for people with disabilities.

About the International Commission on Health Care Certification (ICHCC)

The ICHCC® the oldest and largest International certifying agency in the field of life care planning service delivery in the United States and Canada, and the only all-inclusive agency to offer its **Certified Life Care Planner™ (CLCP®)** and **Canadian Certified Life Care Planner™ (CCLCP™)** credential to qualified health care professionals from many diverse academic degree education and professional backgrounds.

The ICHCC's CLCP and CCLCP certifications are accredited by ANAB (American National Standards Institute National Accreditation Board) and are the only accredited certifications in life care planning.

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