

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Refer to the catalog for specific certificate requirements and overview of the industry.

NOTE: This certificate is eligible for Financial Aid.

The Activity Profession is unique in health care because the focus is on “what is RIGHT with the person rather than what is wrong.” The activity professional is offered flexibility and creativity while improving the quality of life of older adults residing in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, retirement communities and community-based adult day programs. Students will learn how to meet the psychosocial, physical and cultural needs of the older adult through a diverse activity program. Students will learn program planning, physical and social aspects of aging, regulatory requirements, documentation guidelines and administrative techniques. Classroom instruction will include presentations from a variety of experts in the fields of activity and aging. After successful completion of the activity professional training program the graduate is qualified according to federal OBRA regulations to be an activity director employed in a nursing home. This program is the only State-approved training program in Colorado.

Activity Professional Training 110 (MEPAP I), and APT 188 are corequisites that meet for eight-hour sessions three times a month for four months. Practicum experience includes 90 hours of working in an activity department under the direction of a certified activity professional. Activity Professional Training 210 (MEPAP II) comprises preparation in volunteer management, advanced documentation and regulatory compliance, community relations and advanced administrative practices. APT 288 is the advanced practicum. The curriculum for this certificate is aligned with the requirements established by the National Certification Council of Activity Professionals and the National Association of Activity Professionals. APT 110, 188, 210 and 288 are required.

All courses required for this certificate must be completed with a “C” or better.

Required Courses

	Course Credit	Semester & Grade
APT 110	8	_____
APT 188	2	_____
APT 210	8	_____
APT 288	2	_____

Total for this Certificate
20 credit hours
IMPORTANT PROGRAM INFORMATION:

 Please see your Program Coordinator for any questions concerning this program: Sue Treitz at 303-797-5962 or sue.treitz@arapahoe.edu.
 If your department chair is unavailable, please see the Advising Office at 303.797.5664 or advising@arapahoe.edu.

GRADUATION INFORMATION:

1. No catalog more than six years old may be used for graduation requirements; the 2008/2009 catalog, and this certificate sheet, may not be used beyond the Spring 2013 semester for graduation.
2. You must apply for graduation; obtain the application online at www.arapahoe.edu (Student Services) and apply by: April 1 (summer graduation), July 1 (fall graduation) and November 1 (spring graduation).

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