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**BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY AWARDED INITIAL FIVE YEAR HSE ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION AT  
THE JUNE 2021 VIRTUAL NAB ANNUAL MEETING**

**Bellarmino University becomes the 16<sup>th</sup> NAB Accredited Health Services Degree Program**

WASHINGTON, DC – During the June 2021 virtual Annual Meeting, the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB) Board of Governors awarded five year accreditation to Bellarmine University. Bellarmine's HSE degree program is a relatively new degree program that has risen as a high quality program in a short span of time through the commitment and dedication of university leadership and faculty.

NAB Chairman Mary Ellen Wilkinson presented the award on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and recognized Bellarmine University for its commitment to higher education and quality program standards for graduates entering the senior living and health services profession. "Bellarmino University joined a prestigious group of high quality degree programs in recognizing the value of and need for well-educated and trained leaders in furthering public protection and enhanced quality of life for clients of organizations providing senior living and health services." Kevin Hansen, Ph.D., J.D., LL.M, FACHCA, Department Chair and Associate Professor, and David G. Wolf, Ph.D., MSJ, MSOL, FACHCA, former Professor, accepted the award on behalf of Bellarmine University. In accepting the award, Dr. Hansen stated, "We are grateful to NAB and the accreditation site visit team for this milestone recognition and honor, and we are very excited to join the outstanding group of NAB-accredited programs in educating talented, critically-thinking, and compassionate future leaders for essential health and aging services leadership positions."

Established in 1995, NAB's academic accreditation program goals are to improve and strengthen the academic preparation of Health Services Executives--a goal we believe educators share. NAB encourages improvement of baccalaureate and graduate level HSE degree programs by application of specific accreditation requirements to measure characteristics of a program, and by making judgments about the overall quality of the program.



NAB's accreditation program has evolved over the past 25 years from a degree in nursing home administration to the current Health Services Executive (HSE) degree program preparing students to meet practice standards in all lines of senior living and health services in states that have adopted the NAB HSE standard. Currently 19 states have adopted the NAB HSE standard.

*NAB, the nation's authority on licensing executives in senior living and health services to deliver quality care, convenes 52 state regulatory boards and agencies, former state regulatory board members, academics, continuing education sponsors, and affiliated associations. For more information visit [nabweb.org](http://nabweb.org).*

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