

ASCHA Education Programs Survey Report

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About ASCHA

The Alberta Seniors Communities & Housing Association (ASCHA) is a progressive association representing approximately 70% of the Seniors Housing industry in Alberta. ASCHA's membership consists of over 87 organizations operating private not-for-profit, public not-for-profit and private for-profit senior housing, as well as valued corporate and stakeholder associate members. ASCHA's members serve approximately 35,000 Albertans in independent and supportive housing.

Introduction and Methodology

The Education and Best Practice Working Group at ASCHA has been planning and prioritizing the ASCHA education offerings for several years now. While ASCHA continues to look to their members for the relevance of these offerings, they felt it was time to consult with their members to identify education gaps. These responses will help ASCHA plan, prioritize their education programs, identify member needs and determine if they have met member expectations.

ASCHA currently offers a variety of educational services as value-added benefits for its members. These include:

- Online training through The Learning Centre for Senior Living (TLC)
- Webinars
- The Site Manager Certificate Program and the Activity Coordinator Certificate Program, created in partnership with Red Deer College, and
- A First Aid/CPR Training Discount Program through St. John Ambulance.

The online survey was developed through the use of Cvent web survey software. The survey link was forwarded to 87 ASCHA members and was available from March 19 to May 28, 2018. With a 48.3% rate of return, SKORR Consulting is confident that the margin of error is minimal, and the overall feedback is representative of ASCHA's members.

Report Highlights

Although detailed analyses and explanations are available within the report, the following provides a few highlights and observations:

- The report is based on a good cross representation of organizations from the perspective of regional location and positions held by the respondents
- The results show that ASCHA is doing an excellent job communicating educational services to its members

The Learning Centre for Senior Living

- The majority of members are utilizing The Learning Centre for Senior Living (TLC) and are satisfied with all aspects
- Lack of time/resources appears to be one of the primary challenges for not yet implementing TLC
- There is an opportunity for ASCHA to promote the ability to access recordings of past webinars in the Member Area of the ASCHA website and in TLC

Webinars

- The majority of members are participating in webinars and are satisfied with the delivery and topics
- Several content areas were suggested for additional tutorials or webinars

ASCHA/RDC Certificate Programs

- The majority of members have employees that have taken part in the ASCHA/Red Deer College Certificate
 Programs for Site Managers and/or Activity Coordinators and are satisfied with the program
- The majority of members believe their employees would benefit from a Cook and Kitchen Management Certificate Program

First Aid/CPR Training Discount Program

- The vast majority of members do not take advantage of the First Aid/CPR Training Discount Program with St. John Ambulance
- Primary reasons for not using the First Aid/CPR Training Discount Program include lack of awareness, local contractors already in place, or it is not available in their community

Other Educational Opportunities

- The majority of members believe their employees would benefit from Human Resources Management Training
- The majority of members believe that a method of sharing best practices would be useful and important
- The most preferred methods of delivery are on-the-job training and online training
- The least preferred method of delivery is self-instruction

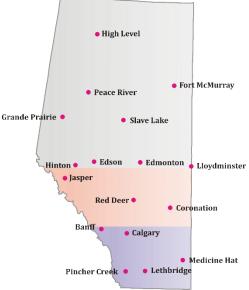
Respondent Demographics

This section provides an overview of the demographics of the organizations that participated in the survey, including head office location and the respondents that completed the survey on behalf of their organization.

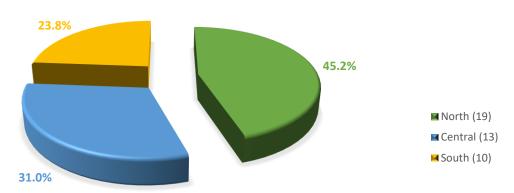
Respondents by Region

For the purposes of this report, the regions are identified as those outlined in the ASCHA Bylaws:

- North Region is the entire geographical area from the northern boundary of the City of Leduc extending north to the NWT provincial boundary, east to the Saskatchewan provincial boundary and west to the British Columbia provincial boundary
- Central Region is the entire geographical area from the northern boundary of the City of Airdrie extending north to the northern boundary of the City of Leduc, east to the Saskatchewan provincial boundary and west to the British Columbia provincial boundary
- South Region is the entire geographical area from the USA/Canada border north to the northern boundary of the City of Airdrie, east to the Saskatchewan provincial boundary, and west to the British Columbia provincial boundary



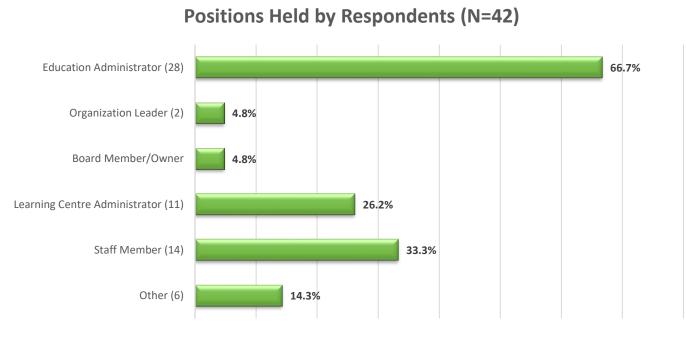
A total of 42 respondents (48.3%) completed the survey. The following chart shows the results in the report are representative of an excellent cross-section of ASCHA regions:



Respondents by Region (N=42)

Respondents by Position

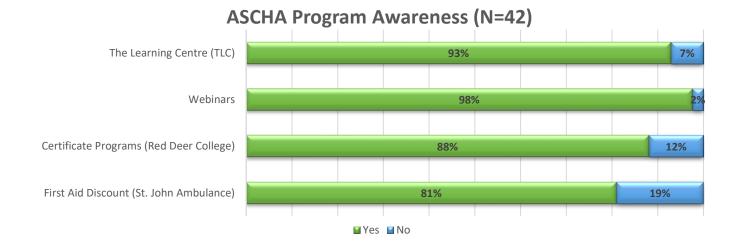
Almost half of the organizations (45.2%) used two or more respondents in different positions within the organization to gather feedback. As the following chart indicates, the majority of the respondents were Education Administrators.



11.9% (5) Certificate Program Graduates were also respondents.

ASCHA Program Awareness

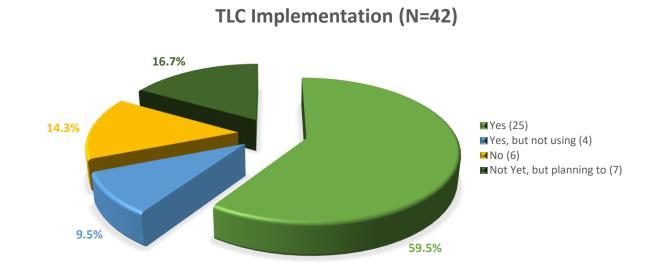
Respondents were asked if their organization is aware of the education programs available though ASCHA. As the following chart indicates, ASCHA does an excellent job communicating their educational services to its members.



The Learning Centre for Senior Living (TLC)

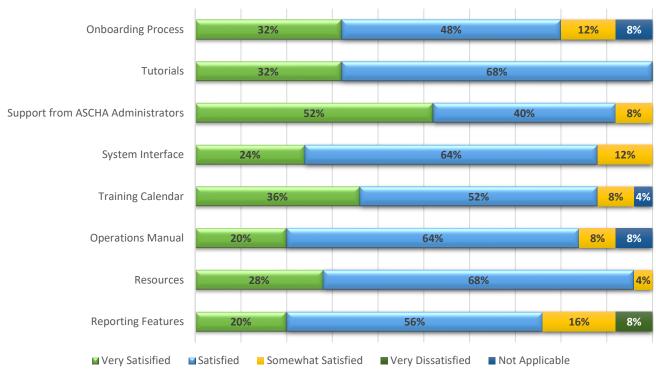
The Learning Centre Implementation

Respondents were asked if their organization has implemented The Learning Centre for Senior Living (TLC). The majority of respondents reported that their organization has implemented The Learning Centre for Senior Living and are making use of it.



Respondents whose organizations utilize TLC were then asked to rate their level of satisfaction on the following:





The vast majority of respondents reported that they are Very Satisfied or Satisfied with all aspects of The Learning Centre. One respondent noted that it would be preferable if employee certificates are automatically forwarded to the administrator when they complete the course.

Tutorials

ASCHA currently offers the following tutorials:

- Assistance with Ambulation
- Assistance with Bathing
- Assistance with Dressing
- Assistance with Personal Hygiene
- Behavior Management
- Cognitive Impairment
- Complaints Process
- Fall Prevention Programs
- Fire Safety & Emergency Plan
- FOIP
- Infection Control
- Injury Prevention
- OH&S Awareness Training Supervisor and Worker
- Prevention of Resident Abuse
- Safe Food Handling Preparation
- WHMIS GHS 2015
- Workplace Violence

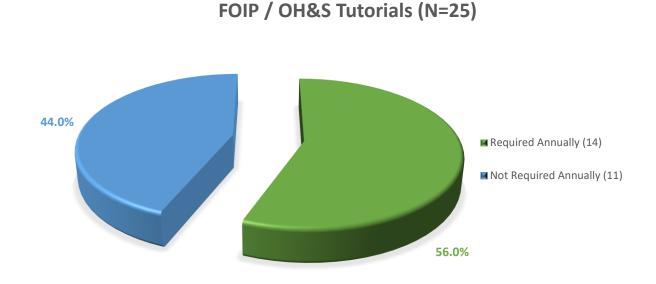
Respondents were provided with this list of the current tutorials and asked what other topics would support their organization's operations. 16 respondents reported that following tutorials would be helpful:

- Dementia training including legal aspects such as Power of Attorney, guardianship and trusteeship, personal directives, etc. (8)
- Kitchen safety (e.g. safe knife operation, safe operation of kitchen appliances and tools) (2)
- Mouth/Oral Care (2)
- Conflict resolution (2)
- Medication management / appropriate use of antipsychotics (2)
- Resident/client-centered care (2)
- Goals of Care what is it/who needs it, etc. (2)
- Nutrition modified/textured diets (2)
- Team work
- Supervision/leadership
- Communication skills with seniors and co-workers
- Customer service in the hospitality industry
- Conversation, connection & influence
- Building relationships and networking
- Communicating with difficult People
- Having difficult conversations
- Bridging the generation
- Incident reporting
- Nutrition and hydration techniques
- Protection of Persons in Care Act
- Hand hygiene
- Advanced wound care
- Videos on behavior management techniques
- Risk management
- Safe bathing temperature training
- Least restraints practices
- Communication skills
- Safe lifting back care geared more toward object lifting vs residents
- Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA)

It was also suggested that links to Alberta Health Service training for Continuing Care Health Services Standards (CCHSS) would be helpful because The Learning Center is very easy to access, and the AHS education is less user-friendly. This respondent also reported that TLC does not provide all the learning required to meet CCHSS.

Freedom of Information Protection (FOIP) / Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) Tutorials

FOIP and OH&S Tutorials are part of one-time orientation training. Respondents were asked if their organization requires these tutorials to be completed annually. Just over half of the respondents reported that these tutorials are an annual requirement.



Roadblocks to Using TLC

The 17 respondents that are not currently using TLC were asked to describe the roadblocks that are keeping their organization from taking full advantage of TLC.

Roadblocks identified by those that have implemented TLC but are not using it include:

- Lack of time or resources (4)
- Education on TLC is not CCHSS requirement for audit
- Customizing the education is time-consuming

Roadblocks identified by those that have not implemented TLC but are planning to do so in the future include:

- Lack of time or resources (5)
- New member, just received information (2)
- Logistical issues
- Scheduling

Roadblocks identified by those that have not implemented TLC and do not plan to do so in the future include:

- Awareness (2)
- A lot of long term care components that are not valuable to their organization or don't match current policies and procedures (2)
- Lack of time or resources
- Using other resources

Other General Feedback about TLC

Respondents were provided an opportunity to list any other general feedback about TLC. 17 respondents provided the following:

- It is a great resource. Staff are able to complete modules when they want (either at work or from home). It is
 easy to track completion of training. Information is current and easy to use.
- Some staff experience problems with their iPads, no sound and tutorials freezing up. Confusion regarding the .com and .ca website. All courses would be better if they were more site-specific, especially Fire Safety, or if they could upload site-specific content. Lots of the course do not apply to their location.
- A very efficient way to train staff.
- Some of the tutorials are too long (e.g. 1.5 to 2 hours to complete).
- Thank you for updating the Fire Safety & Emergency Plan to reflect the Alberta codes.
- At the beginning stages of using TLC and very impressed with the ease of access and user-friendly training.
- With a new lodge recently opened, they have engaged management and direct reports to start using the tool.
- Overall, great resource. Glitch in slips, trips, falls, lifts and transfers tutorial.
- It is working well. Seems like all of the glitches are out.
- Automatic emails to system administration for monthly non-completions of modules would be wonderful.
- Happy to have these resources available in a rural setting.
- Very useful to the organization with orientation and on-going training specific to the industry.
- A number of issues with user names and passwords, but this seems to be getting better. This is a fantastic resource for our communities. Keep up the good work!!!
- Utilizing the learning system throughout the year and loving it.
- Easy interface. ASCHA staff very helpful.

Webinar Participation

Respondents were asked if their employees have ever participated in webinars offered by ASCHA. The majority of respondents reported their employees have participated in webinars.



Those respondents whose employees have never participated in webinars were asked why they have chosen not to. Those that are planning to take future webinars reported:

- New member (2)
- Leadership changes
- Lack of checking the website more often for upcoming webinars
- Haven't scheduled to participate
- Internal education program in process of being created
- Timing has not worked when a topic of interested has been found

Those that are not planning on participating in future webinars reported:

- Topics have not been relevant for the organization (2)
- Webinars are too long
- Just haven't registered for any

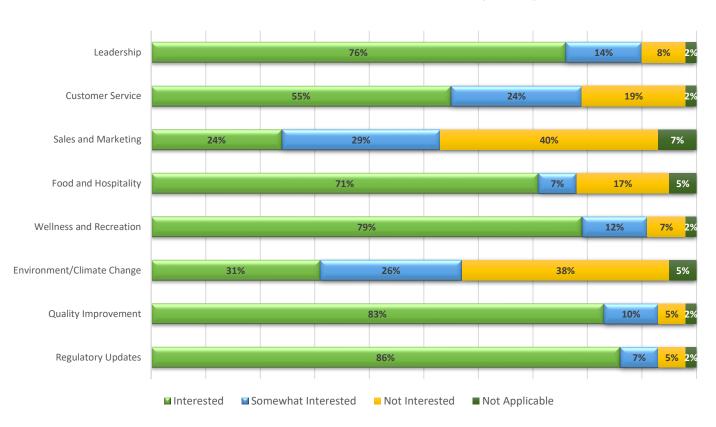
Webinar Satisfaction

Those respondents whose employees have participated in webinars were asked to indicate their level of satisfaction. The vast majority of respondents are very satisfied or satisfied with webinar delivery and webinar topics.



Webinar Content Areas

All respondents were provided a list of webinar content areas and asked to provide their level of interest in each area.



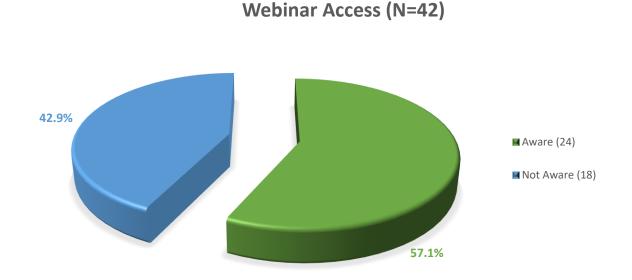
Interest in Webinar Content Areas (N=42)

Members were provided the opportunity to suggest other webinar topics and the following topics were suggested:

- Dementia
- Legal aspects (e.g. Power of Attorney)
- Specialized diets (e.g. minced, pureed, etc.)
- Something on hospitality services (e.g. proper cleaning of laundry/general cleaning)
- Overview of aging process for non-medical staff and other senior specific topics
- Staff wellness program
- Cannabis and policies

Webinar Access

Respondents were asked if their employees were aware that they can access recordings of past webinars in the Member Area of the ASCHA website and in TLC. With almost 43% of the respondents not aware of this access, there is a definite opportunity for ASCHA to market this feature to its members.



General Comments about Webinars

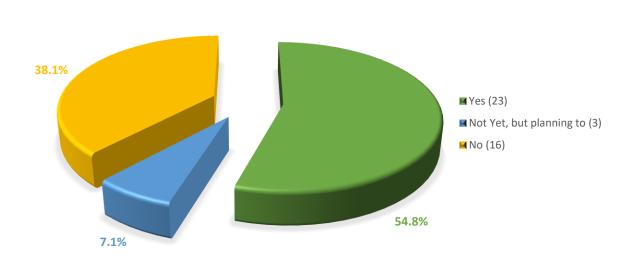
Respondents were provided the opportunity to share any additional comments:

- Great presentations (2)
- Got a lot out of the Business Plan webinar but felt it should have been prior to the Business Plan's due date instead of after the deadline
- Webinars are great for rural communities because it saves time and money not having to travel
- The webinars contain helpful information
- Very interested in keeping staff motivated and engaged with education opportunities
- Shorter webinars (20-30 minutes) would be preferred

ASCHA/Red Deer College Certificate Programs

ASCHA/Red Deer College Certificate Program Participation

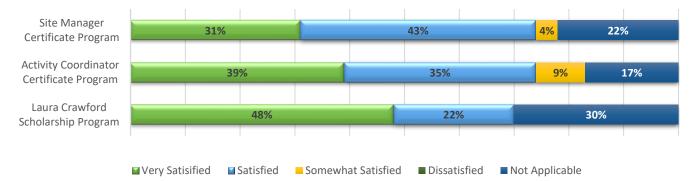
Respondents were asked if their employees have taken the ASCHA/Red Deer College Certificate Programs for Site Managers and/or Activity Coordinators. Slightly more than half of the respondents reported that their employees have taken one or both of the programs.



Certificate Program Participation (N=42)

ASCHA/Red Deer College Certificate and Scholarship Program Satisfaction

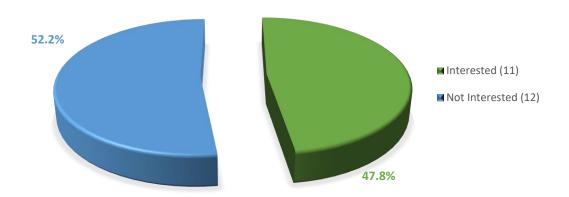
Those respondents whose employees have participated in the program were asked to indicate their level of satisfaction. The vast majority of respondents are very satisfied or satisfied with the Certificate Programs.



Certificate and Scholarship Program Satisfaction (N=23)

Respondents were asked how many of their organization's employees have taken or are required to take a certificate program (ASCHA/RDC Site Manager or Activity Coordinator Certificate Program). The number of employee that have taken or in the process of taking one of the certificate programs ranged from 1 to 20, with an overall average of 3.9 employees per organization.

Respondents were asked if they thought graduate employees would be interested in taking an upgrading or refresher course. Slightly less than half of the respondents thought their employees would be interested.



Likely Interest in Upgrader/Refresher (N=23)

Respondents were provided with the following list of the current Certificate Program courses:

- Aging Processes
- Communications and Conflict Management
- Human Resources Management
- Leadership Skills
- Management Principles
- Older Adult Fitness
- Personal and Professional Development
- Principles of Recreation and Leisure
- Program Development
- Site Governance and Management
- Site Operations

Those respondents that thought their employees might be interested in a refresher, were asked what other courses employees might like to see covered in refresher courses. The following suggestions were provided:

- Aging processes
- Fitness
- Motivational topics
- Time management
- Dealing with different diseases
- Site operations
- More courses regarding memory care
- Dealing with difficult employees/behaviours

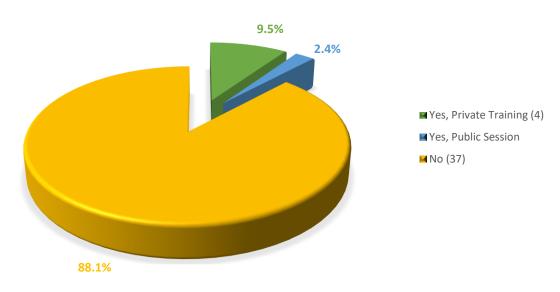
General Comments about the Certificate Programs

Respondents provided the following additional feedback about the Certificate Programs:

- Some instructors are better than others. In some courses the instructor was not really invested in the students.
 Some would just read through the reading material. At times certain students monopolized the conversation and some instructors were better than others at dealing with it. Enjoyed classes where it was more interactive.
- Some of the presenters were not very good instructors. It was felt that they only read from the book and were not very helpful.
- I have learned so much with the Activity Coordinator courses. I have appreciated everything they have had to offer, and I started implementing what I learned the second day of classes.
- Some instructors go into more detail than others, but we have the modules for each training course available and we can go online any time to review. I am very happy I have taken this training.
- I believe that ASCHA and Red Deer College have an excellent program. Very rarely you get a teacher that is just not quite the right fit, but they don't last long. They just recently made all of the courses available online too. As much as this is a bonus to reach everyone I always enjoy learning programs live and in person.
- Sort of a two-sided answer, but the simple answer is yes, I am satisfied.
- Very much enjoyed; very informative.

First Aid/CPR Training Discount Program with St. John Ambulance

Respondents were asked if their organization has made use of the First Aid/CPR Training Discount Program with St. John Ambulance. Only 11.9% of respondents reported that they have made use of the First Aid/CPR Training Discount Program with St. John Ambulance and whether it was through private group training onsite.



First Aid/CPR Discount Participation (N=42)

Respondents reported that the discount program was used for employees to take the following courses:

- Standard First Aid Recertification (4)
- Emergency First Aid with Level A CPR and AED (3)
- Standard First Aid with CPR and AED (2)
- Standard First Aid with HCP, CPR and AED (2)
- Level A CPR and AED

All of those that have made use of the training discount would recommend it to others for the following reasons:

- The program supports CCHSS requirements (2)
- Pricing/discount (2)
- Course detail

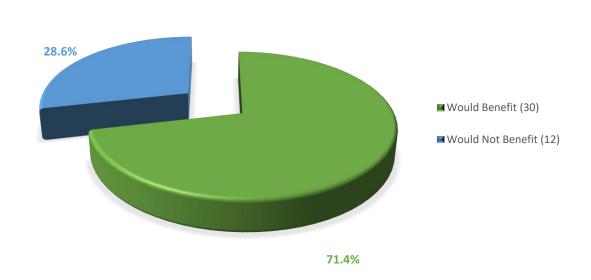
Those respondents whose organizations have not participated were provided the opportunity to explain why they have not made use of the discount program:

- Already have own program/contractor/instructor (12)
- Lack of awareness/new member/only just learned about it (8)
- Will be using it in future (4)
- Issues with getting this service provided to rural Alberta (3)
- Not offered in their community (2)
- Train the Trainer was not an option
- A better discount is already being realized
- Travel costs would be too high
- Promoting it but haven't used it yet
- Haven't enquired about it yet
- No particular reason

Human Resources (HR) Management Training

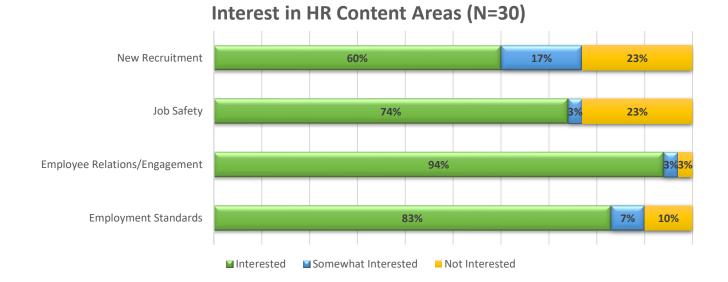
Interest in Human Resources Management Training

Respondents were asked if they believed their employees would benefit from Human Resources Management training. The majority of respondents believe their employees would benefit.



HR Management Training (N=42)

Respondents who believe their employees would benefit were asked for their level of interest in the following HR Content Areas:

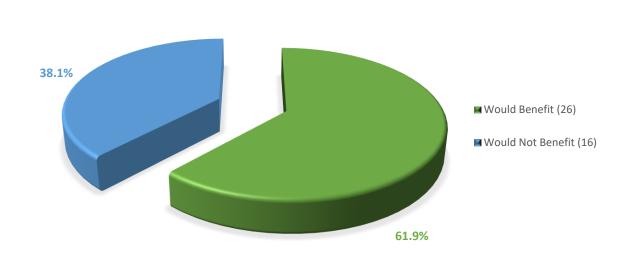


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Cook and Kitchen Management Training

Interest in Cook and Kitchen Management Training

Respondents were asked if they believed their employees would benefit from formalized cook and/or kitchen management training. The majority of respondents believe their employees would benefit.



Cook and Kitchen Management Training (N=42)

Those respondents who believe their employees would benefit were asked what specific course topics would be useful at their site. 7 respondents were uncertain. The remaining respondents listed the following suggestions:

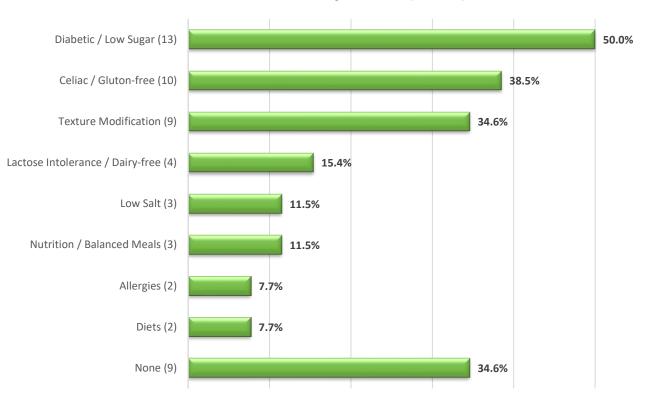
- Leadership, Staff Management, Scheduling, Employee Dynamics (7)
- Menu Planning (6)
- Food Safety (5)
- Special Diets (4)
- Nutrition (4)
- Food Presentation (4)
- Food Preparation (3)
- Costing / Budgeting (2)
- Ordering (2)
- Volume Cooking (2)
- Equipment Safety (2)
- Conflict Management (2)
- Best Practices
- Cooking with Spices
- Portion Management
- Health Regulations
- Customer Service

- Stress Management
- Substitutions
- Inventory Management
- Red Seal Certification
- Waste Management
- Knife Sharpening

Those respondents who believe their employees would benefit were asked how many staff at their organization would benefit from formalized cook and/or kitchen management training. Of the 26 respondents, 2 did not answer the question. The remaining 24 respondents reported that a total of 168 employees would benefit from formalized cook and/or kitchen management training. The number of employees per organization ranged from 2 to 22 employees, with an overall average of 7 employees per organization.

Dietary Needs

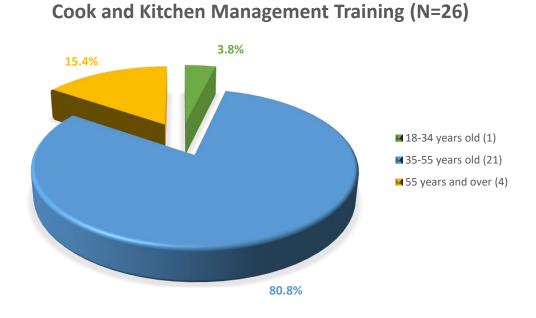
Those respondents who believe their employees would benefit were asked what specific client dietary needs their organization must accommodate.



Client Dietary Needs (N=26)

Cook and Kitchen Management Trainee Demographics

Those respondents who believe their employees would benefit were asked about the demographics of their employees who may participate in kitchen management training. As the following chart indicates, the majority of employees that are likely to participate in kitchen management training are 35 to 55 years old.



Using the ASCHA Website to Share Best Practices

Respondents were asked to rate how useful or important the following resources would be to their organization's training and development work:



Most Useful Education Needs

Of the education components currently offered by ASCHA, respondents were asked to provide feedback on what their employees have found most relevant and needed. 3 respondents reported that they have not yet had the opportunity to tap into the education resources available.

30 respondents reported that the most useful education components currently offered by ASCHA include:

- The Learning Centre (6)
- FOIP tutorial (5)
- WHMIS tutorial (4)
- Legislation/Regulation awareness/changes (3)
- HR training (3)
- OH&S tutorials (3)
- Employee Orientation (2)
- Workplace Violence tutorial (2)
- Infection Control tutorial (2)
- Required health education (2)
- Safe Food Handling Preparation tutorial (2)
- Behavior Management tutorial (2)
- Complaints Process tutorial (2)
- Fall Prevention Programs tutorial (2)
- Injury Prevention tutorial
- Resident safety tutorials
- Prevention Resident Abuse tutorial
- Site Manager Certificate Program
- First Aid Discount Program
- Customer service

- Assistance with Ambulation tutorial
- Fire Safety & Emergency Plan tutorial
- Cognitive Impairment tutorial
- Assistance in changing a work culture
- Dementia
- All eLearning modules
- All ASCHA training
- Videos
- Webinars
- Conflict resolution

Gaps in Education

Respondents were asked what areas in their organization are there education gaps. 20 respondents reported that following education gaps:

- Mental health and wellness/mental health first aid (4)
- Dementia (3)
- Maintenance (3)
- Documentation/report writing (2)
- Head cook/dietary (2)
- Housekeeping (2)
- Communication/people skills (e.g. how to communicate with seniors) (2)
- Department supervisor training (e.g. managing conflicts, staying on top of departments) (2)
- Assistance with personal hygiene
- Behavior management
- Best practices for cleaning, kitchen, menu planning, performance management
- Bullying
- Conflict management
- Customer relations
- Fire and safety
- Front line staff training
- Group training on ASCHA website
- Human resources
- Lifts and transfers
- Managing work related stress
- Networking opportunities for maintenance
- Operational efficiencies
- Person-centered care
- Requirements of AHS Continuing Health Services Standards
- Respect in the workplace
- Responding to clients in escalation of inappropriate behaviours
- Budgeting
- Team training

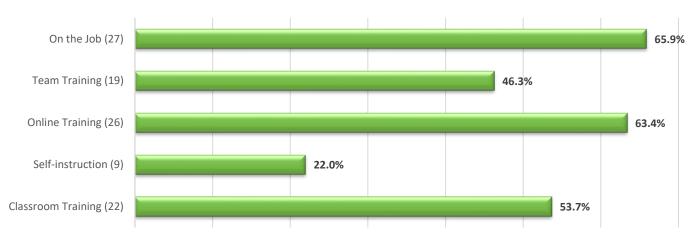
Five respondents provided additional challenges relating to education including:

- Staff availability and time to do online learning (2)
- Being able to capture all staff within organization, but also realizing most do not have work email addresses which poses challenges
- Need good ways to make everyone understand that annual education is important and needs to be completed by everyone
- Employees who are not computer savvy have resisted training

One respondent reported that they do not have any gaps but are interested in continuous learning to ensure that staff are current with emerging best practices.

Training Delivery

Respondents were asked the preferred methods of training within their organization. Most respondents selected multiple preferences. The most preferred methods are on-the-job training and online training. The least preferred method is self-instruction.



Preferred Training Delivery Methods (N=41)

General Comments and Suggestions

Respondents were provided the opportunity to list any other general comments or suggestions regarding education. 11 respondents provided the following:

- We have overall been very pleased with TLC. It is easy to use and a great way to keep our employees trained and up to date. Anush is amazing, always answers our questions quickly and finds solutions to our problems.
- Have an easier webpage name that is not so close to another one going already. Thanks for this great education department. We know you strive to do the best for us.
- Have a great education section and would love to see it used in the classroom or team setting. Include safe job
 procedures and safe work practices and on the job training.
- The Learning Centre has been very helpful to our organization in building our training and orientation modules.
 We are in the early stages of this project so there is still a lot of resources that you already offer that we have not yet taken advantage of. Thank you for your assistance.
- Overall, very happy to have a training area we can use with employees. All of our lodges are using it now for required training. Really struggle with the reporting feature.
- With the challenges of various sites that have different staffing/set ups/schedules, it is somewhat a challenge to get all of the staff captured for ongoing training, but we are discussing having an all day, site-specific activitybased 'boot camp' session with computers set up for staff to access the ASCHA training while attending.
- This program is very useful as it makes the staff accountable for their education with just enough guidance to encourage completion.
- It would be a great help to our organization if at least 80% of the Education required for CCHSS is in The Learning Centre.
- To develop our own presentation and quizzes, and upload quizzes one question at a time is time consuming. The Learning Centre Crosstab Reports needed some development. At the moment, we cannot print a report of all staff who completed education for a specific month. There are incidents where the green checkmark on specific education completed is not consistently appearing. Staff stated that they have completed the education, yet the checkmark is missing.
- I noticed there are a few education sources that we need to add to our Calendars. I will just need to review on how to do it. Thanks for having this available for us.
- People love to learn. As long as the content is relevant to them, they usually try to attend. Attendance rate is highest if it is paid education.
- On a positive note, staff are very helpful during our period of customizing our Education Calendar.