SPECIAL NOTE:
This brief syllabus is not intended to be a legal contract. A full syllabus will be distributed to students at the first class session.

TEXT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS USED IN THE COURSE (if any):

Please check with the LCC bookstore http://www.labette.edu/bookstore for the required texts for this class.

COURSE NUMBER: HEAL 115
COURSE TITLE: ADULT CARE HOME OPERATOR
SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 3
DEPARTMENT: Health Care
DIVISION: Workforce Education/Community Service
PREREQUISITE: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course is designed to provide operators of assisted living facilities, residential health care facilities, home plus and adult day care facilities with information on the principles of assisted living. The aging process and its effect on activities, treatment and management of the elderly will be presented. Participants who attend all sessions and successfully complete a comprehensive examination will meet the requirements to be an operator as established by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

COURSE OUTCOMES AND COMPETENCIES:
Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

1. Operate an adult care home upon passing the state test.
   - Discuss assisted living as a conceptual model for housing with services for older adults.
   - Identify strategies which can be used to reduce the stress of care giving.
   - Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the aging process and common chronic diseases found in older adults.
   - Perform a functional assessment screen and develop a negotiated service agreement.
   - Identify strategies for working effectively with family members, case managers and service providers.
   - Demonstrate knowledge of Kansas laws and regulations which govern the operation of adult care homes.
   - Discuss strategies for management of behavioral symptoms in residents with dementia.
   - Identify basic principles in providing for the nutritional needs of older adults and safe food service management.
   - Discuss principles of an effective record system.
   - Demonstrate a basic understanding of fire safety and emergency procedures.
   - Demonstrate minimal competency as an operator in an adult care home by successfully passing the operator examination.