

Teresian House Admission Policy

The policy of Teresian House is to accept and retain only those residents for whom we can provide adequate and appropriate care. The following criteria, although not all inclusive, are considered in accepting residents for admission and retaining them after admission:

1. Teresian House accepts applications from men, women, or married couples regardless of age, race, color, creed, national origin, sexual preference, disability, or sponsor. We reserve the right to give preference to persons of the Roman Catholic religion in an effort to promote the religious principles upon which Teresian House has been established. Since the mission of the Carmelite Sisters is to serve the elderly, we reserve the right to give preference to those applicants who are 65 years or older.

2. The following will **not** be admitted to Teresian House:
 - a) persons who do not want to come, or who are not informed of the decision for placement at Teresian House prior to admission;

 - b) persons who smoke

 - c) maternity patients;

 - d) persons who exhibit a behavioral or emotional disorder indicating that s/he is a danger to self or others, or whose behavior has been shown to interfere with the care of other residents or to be a risk to other residents;

 - e) persons whose primary diagnosis is psychiatric and who require active treatment for same;

 - f) persons whose primary diagnosis is mental retardation or a developmental disability and who require active treatment for same;

 - g) persons who exhibit an alcohol or drug addiction;

 - h) persons who are known or suspected carriers of a communicable disease unless cleared by the Medical Director and/or Infection Control Committee;

 - i) persons who require services beyond those which Teresian House is licensed or has the functional ability to provide.

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3. All applicants must submit both a completed admission application and a PRI to initiate the admission process.
4. Teresian House will admit only those persons having a proven source of payment, including those who have been approved for Medicaid.
5. Teresian House reserves the right to limit the admission of persons whose needs are too great to be managed by the staffing ratio at the time of admission.
6. Teresian House reserves the right to give preference for admission to former Teresian House residents discharged to the hospital or community.
7. Teresian House reserves the right not to readmit residents to the same room they occupied prior to hospitalization if their needs have become too great to be managed by the staffing ratio on that unit.
8. Teresian House reserves the right to admit applicants for placement in the environment best suited for the resident as evaluated by the Admissions Committee. Admissions may not necessarily occur in chronological order by date of application.
9. Teresian House strives to serve as a model of high quality of life, presented in an environment which promotes human dignity. In an effort to maintain an optimal quality of life for our residents, and to preserve their dignity, Teresian House strives to be as restraint-free as possible. Physical restraints will only be used on a temporary basis, in an emergency situation, and only when other methods of maintaining safety have proven to be ineffective.
10. A family wanting a resident restrained to prevent falling will need to seek placement for their loved one in another nursing facility.
11. Routine Cancer Screening Tests, such as Chest X-Rays, Mammograms, Colonoscopy, Pap Smears, Prostate and Stool exams, are done only at the discretion of the Attending Physician.

My signature below indicates that I have read the above.

_____ Date _____
(signature)

Please return this form to the Admissions Office with the application.