

Searching for a retirement community can be overwhelming but finding the answers to the following questions should help you evaluate the communities you research.

LOCATION

- Is the community close enough to family and friends?
- Are entertainment, dining and cultural venues close?
- Is there a hospital nearby?

MANAGEMENT

- Who owns and manages the community?
- How long has the community been in business?
- What sort of reputation does the community have?
- Is the community in good financial health?
- Do residents have a say in community management through a resident council?

CAMPUS AMENITIES

- Are there accessible areas for walking?
- Are there recreational areas, courtyards or outdoor dining areas?
- Are there meeting rooms and/or auditoriums for resident gatherings?
- Are there exercise/fitness facilities?
- Are there areas devoted to art, crafts, or other hobbies that are important to you?
- Are there areas for residents to garden?

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

- Does the community offer a good variety of programs and activities?
- Are there off-campus programs and activities?
- What types of outdoor programs and activities are available?
- Are worship services and Bible studies offered?
- Do the programs and activities offered match your interests?

DINING

- Does the dining program provide an acceptable level of menu choice and variety?
- Are there healthy options available at each meal?
- Are the dining schedules compatible with your personal preferences?

SERVICES

- How much is the monthly service fee?
- What services are provided with the standard monthly service fee?
- How often will housekeeping be provided?
- What services does maintenance provide?
- Does the community provide scheduled transportation?

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- What healthcare services are available on campus?
- Are residential care services available within the community?
- Does the community offer wellness and fitness programs?