



## **New Horizons in Aging: Advances in Research and Practice**

38th Annual Meeting  
Southern Gerontological Society  
April 6th - 9th, 2017

DoubleTree by Hilton Asheville-Biltmore  
Asheville, North Carolina

# **National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners (NCCDP) Alzheimer's & Dementia Care Training**

Whether you want to increase your knowledge or pursue certification as a Certified Dementia Practitioner (CDP), this class is for you.

### **Who should attend?**

Nurses, CNAs, social workers, activity professionals, geriatric care managers, licensed nursing home and assisted living administrators, adult day staff, and any front line staff and health care professional working with persons diagnosed with dementia.

This course is sponsored by the Southern Gerontological Society.

### **Information that will be covered in the seminar**

- Overview of dementia, including diagnosis, prognosis and treatment
- Communication
- Feelings and depression, aggressive behaviors, catastrophic reactions
- Difficulties like repetitive behaviors, paranoia, hallucinations, wandering, and hoarding
- Intimacy issues and sexuality
- Personal care: bathing, dressing, toileting, nutrition
- Pain management
- Staff and family support, environment, activities
- Diversity and cultural competence
- Spiritual care; end of life issues
- Elder abuse

## **Become a Certified Dementia Practitioner**

By attending the conference pre-session, attendees get a discounted application fee of \$25 (normally \$100) for the two year certification. Please note, however, that taking the class does not guarantee certification. This class meets one of the requirements for becoming a Certified Dementia Practitioner. Applicants must be certified or licensed in a health care profession or related field to apply for CDP certification, meet all requirements of the national organization, and be approved for certification by NCCDP. For more information on certification, other eligibility requirements, and an application go to [www.nccdp.org](http://www.nccdp.org) or contact the NCCDP/ICCDP Office at (877) 729-5191 or [nccdpcorporate@nccdp.org](mailto:nccdpcorporate@nccdp.org).

### **Instructor: Denise Scruggs, ADC, CDP & CADDCT**

Denise Scruggs is a Certified Activity Director (ADC), Certified Dementia Practitioner (CDP) and a Certified Alzheimer's Disease & Dementia Care Trainer (CADDCT) for the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners/ International Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners. Denise has more than 24 years of experience in dementia care, both personally and professionally. Her experience includes work in activities, social work, family caregiving, consulting, and memory support program management spanning long term care, adult day care, assisted living, memory care, consulting, and education. She was also a caregiver for two family members with dementia.



Denise currently serves as the Director of the Beard Center on Aging and is a member of the advisory committee for the Lindsay Institute for Innovations in Caregiving and the Dementia Awareness Resource Team in her locality. She has been a dementia care trainer for NCCDP for nine years, and most recently was an invited presenter at the Institute for the Advancement of Senior Care's national Memory Care Forums in Austin, Texas and San Diego, California.

For more information: Call (434) 544-8456 or email [scruggs.dr@lynchburg.edu](mailto:scruggs.dr@lynchburg.edu).

### **WORKSHOP LOCATION AND SCHEDULE**

**When:** Thursday, April 6, 2017, 7:30am – 8:00am check-in & refreshments, 8:00am-4:30pm training

**Where:** DoubleTree by Hilton Biltmore in Asheville, North Carolina in the Stuyvesant Room

**How:** There are 2 ways to register:

- 1) Registration for this event can be purchased through the SGS Annual Meeting Conference Registration at [www.southerngerontologicalsociety.org](http://www.southerngerontologicalsociety.org). For attendees who wish to also attend the full conference, this workshop can be added to the conference registration.
- 2) Call or email the Southern Gerontological Society Association Manager, Ms. Lee Ann Ferguson at (866) 920-4660 or [admin@southerngerontologicalsociety.org](mailto:admin@southerngerontologicalsociety.org). Ms. Ferguson can process registration and payment by phone.

**Costs:** Training Cost: \$165 per participant, which includes all training materials and lunch. Payment and registration for this workshop must be made by March 1, 2017.

**Cancellation Policy:** There is a \$50 cancellation fee. Attendee substitutions can be made should a participant find they are unable to attend.

All participants who attend the training are welcome to stay after the training to participate in the Annual Meeting's evening activities which include an opening reception, keynote panel session, and a student poster session.