Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care

Certified Dementia Practitioner® Training

Learn the professional diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment for dementia, while gaining essential "best practices" communication and care-giving skills. Get a better understanding of Alzheimer's and other dementias, and how you can help improve quality of life for dementia residents.

The Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care course fulfills the required training portion of the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners (NCCDP) Certified Dementia Practitioner (CDP®).

What to Expect

During this 1-day, 8 hour course, you will learn to:

- Define different dementias, reversible and irreversible, and better understand Alzheimer's, Pick's, Lewy Bodies, Vascular disease, Fronto Temporal dementia, Creutafeldt-Jokob disease and Parkinson's.
- Identify symptoms, behaviors and how to communicate successfully with various stages of these diseases.
- Express the differences between depression, delirium, delusions, and hallucinations and how these conditions are often exhibited.
- Relay why hoarding and repetitive behaviors occur and how to best redirect them.
- Recognize and practice how communication, environment and activities can effectively employ best practices to improve the quality of life for dementia residents.

You'll learn about:

- Intro to Diagnosis
- Prognosis & Treatment for Dementia
- Communication & Feelings
- Depression & Repetitive Behaviors
- Delusions, Hallucinations, Hoarding & Wandering

- Aggressive Behaviors & Sexuality
- Personal Care
- Activities
- Environment
- Neglect & Abuse
- Spiritual & Cultural Diversity

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Is CDP® Training for me?

This class is best suited for:

- Nursing & adult foster home administrators
- Social Workers
- Nurses
- Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA)
- Medical Assistant (MA)
- Occupational Therapists (OT)
- Physical Therapists (PT)
- Mental Health Professionals
- Recreational Therapists
- Nutritional Therapists
- Life Enrichment and Activity Directors
- Allopathic Professionals
- Naturopaths
- Other Healthcare Professionals

Meet Your Lead Instructor



Connie Ratti, CTRS, CADDCT, CDP®, ACC, AC-BC

Connie is a Certified Dementia Practitioner® Trainer and Certified Therapeutic Recreational Specialist. She has worked as a frontline staff member of the Interdisciplinary Medical Team for over 20 years as an Activity Professional, Consultant and Manager for Dementia and Alzheimer's residents. Her work includes planning and implementing programming and activities for individuals that were appropriate to their disease levels and skill abilities to redirect behaviors and provide quality of life

experiences. Connie views her position as one that changes work into worth, providing quality of life that means something to her residents, simultaneously providing a great deal of quality to her own life.

Your Investment

Time: 1 day, 8 hours of in-class instruction.

Tuition:

• \$189

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