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Juniper Village at Huntingdon Ridge Now Has Four Certified Dementia Practitioners on Campus



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Juniper Communities is proud to announce that there are four new professionally certified dementia practitioners on the Juniper Village at Huntingdon Ridge campus in North Huntingdon, PA.

The four certified practitioners include:

- Tammy Long, Executive Director
- Michelle Charlton, Director of Wellness
- Muriel Myers, Wellspring Program Director
- Brittany Coulter, Wellspring Connections Director

The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioner (NCCDP) provides Certified Dementia Practitioner certification to demonstrate achievement of specialized training in the areas of

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Alzheimer's and Dementia care. Specifically, the Certified Dementia Practitioner (CDP) is the earned credential that recognizes the highest standard in Alzheimer's and Dementia education.

The benefits of CDP training are numerous and significant. Most importantly, the above Huntingdon Ridge certified practitioners have completed comprehensive training essential for today's healthcare professionals. Key aspects of training include communication techniques, disruptive behavior interventions, and tools for addressing wandering, aggression, poor nutrition, and sexuality. Additionally, these Certified Dementia Practitioners will work to enhance the use of new methods, theories, and tools related to Alzheimer's and Dementia care practices.

"We congratulate these Huntingdon Ridge Certified Dementia Practitioners who have taken the added steps in learning and understanding the Dementia resident and complications that arise with this diagnosis. Certification demonstrates their commitment to working with the growing Alzheimer/Dementia sub-population. These CDPs and the entire Huntingdon Ridge staff are able to provide enhance psychosocial support to their residents and their families," commented Linda Donato, Regional Director of Operations.

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