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### NCCDP/ICCDP Offer Free Training During Dementia Week in 2014

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SPARTA, N.J. (Dec. 3, 2013)—For the sixth year, the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners and International Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners is offering the Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Staff Education Week, Feb. 14-21, with free staff training, in-services and tool kit. The tool kit and in-services are free and available at [nccdp.org](http://nccdp.org). The tool kit and in-services include many free Microsoft PowerPoint in-services to use for training your staff, family, volunteers, students, members and congregation. Download through March 15. Many of the in-services are designed to be taught in 30 minutes. Each year new in-services and topics are added to the archives.

The tool kit, In-services and the declaration by the NCCDP / ICCDP Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Staff Education Week, Feb. 14-21, was developed to bring national and international awareness to the importance of providing comprehensive dementia education by means of an interactive classroom environment to all healthcare professionals, front line staff and first responders and to go above and beyond the minimum state or country requirements regarding initial dementia education and to require ongoing dementia education.

As the number of dementia cases continues to increase nationally and worldwide, there is a great necessity to ensure that care givers are well trained to provide appropriate, competent, sensitive direct care and support for the dementia patient. The goal of the NCCDP and ICCDP is to develop and encourage comprehensive dementia education, standards of excellence in the health care profession and compassionate delivery of dementia care services by health care professionals and front line staff. Visit [nccdp.org](http://nccdp.org).

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