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Nurses are being offered a free educational toolkit from the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners (NCCDP) through March 1.

The toolkit is available at www.nccdp.org and includes Power Point in-services available for download. Each in-service is designed to be taught in 30 minutes to healthcare professionals and frontline staff, according to the NCCDP.

Offered in honor of the NCCDP's Alzheimer's and Dementia Education Week held Feb. 14-21, the toolkit is meant to bring national and international awareness to the importance of providing comprehensive dementia education to all healthcare professionals and staff and to exceed the minimum requirements regarding dementia education.

There aren't any developed national standards for dementia education, but NCCDP officials recommend a minimum of 8 hours of dementia education to all providers. The NCCDP also recommends that at least be one certified dementia practitioner be placed on every working shift.

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