

## Nurses gain recognition as certified dementia care practitioners

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HARLINGEN — The applause was long and loud for nurse Elizabeth Lugo and 41 other nurses who were being recognized for being certified dementia care practitioners.

“It’s very exciting because we are looking to improve the life of our residents,” Lugo, education specialist at Retama Manor, said yesterday. “We are providing a better quality of care for our residents.”

In response to the growing number of dementia diagnoses in the elderly, the Retama staff has developed an expertise in caring for the population that has lost memory, who often become agitated and are without appropriate care and experience a diminished quality of life.

Retama Manor Nursing Center has become a local “go to” skilled nursing facility specializing in dementia care.

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