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## Two Staff Certified Dementia Practitioners

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Two of our personal care home administrators are now Certified Dementia Practitioners through the [National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners](#).

Cathy Schill, the Administrator of [Highland Oaks](#) in Shippenville, and Reshawn Shipe, the Administrator of [Ridgmont](#) in Ridgway, have completed extensive training in the key aspects of Alzheimer's Disease and dementia care to become certified practitioners. .

The program taught the unique care techniques required for providing care to individuals with dementia, including communication strategies, interventions for disruptive behaviors and tools for addressing specific disease-related concerns such as wandering, aggression,

sexuality and poor nutrition.

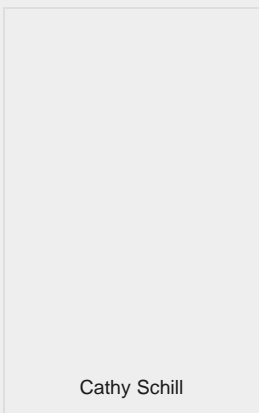
"Dementia is prevalent among seniors," said Schill. "By increasing our knowledge level and skills as administrators, we can better serve the residents at Highland Oaks and Ridgmont. We can also provide additional training to my staff who are providing the hands-on care."

According to the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners, the benefits for an individual cared for by a Certified Dementia Practitioner is reduced risk for injury, enhanced recreational activities, sensitive psychosocial support for both the individual and their family, and better end of life care in the advanced stages of the disease.

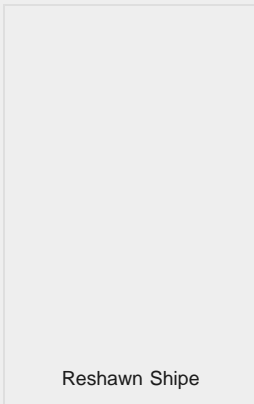
The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners formed in 2001 by a group of professionals in the field of dementia care.

Its goals is to develop national standards for comprehensive and extensive dementia education and promote standards of excellence in the delivery of dementia care.

Schill is a licensed practical nurse and certified personal care home administrator with 5 years of experience in caring for older adults. Shipe is a registered nurse and certified personal care home administrator with 22 years of experience.



Cathy Schill



Reshawn Shipe

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Highland Oaks and Ridgmont are personal care communities, not nursing homes. This means the residents are fairly independent and just need some help with personal care, such as bathing, dressing, grooming and medications.

For more information, please call Highland Oaks at 814-782-3203 or Ridgmont at 814-772-6608.

Highland Oaks and Ridgmont are communities of WRC Senior Services, a not-for-profit organization which has been providing care for older adults in the area since 1890. For more information, please visit online at [www.wrc.org](http://www.wrc.org).

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