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Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week

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The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners (NCCDP) is offering The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week February 14th to the 21st Tool Kit. The Tool Kit is [free](#) and includes in-services designed to be taught in 30 minutes to healthcare professionals and front line staff.

The Tool Kit was developed to bring national and international awareness to the importance of providing comprehensive dementia education by means of face to face interactive classroom environment to all healthcare professionals and line staff and to go above and beyond the minimum state requirements regarding dementia education.

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Currently there are no national standards for dementia education. The regulations are different from state to state. The NCCDP recommends at minimum an initial 8 hours of dementia education to all staff. In addition, the NCCDP promotes dementia education and certification of all staff who qualify as Certified Dementia Practitioners (CDP®) and recommends that at minimum there should be one Certified Dementia Practitioner® per shift.

The NCCDP also recognizes the importance of educated and certified dementia unit managers and certifying the Dementia Unit Manager as Certified Dementia Care Manager (CDCM®).

The free tool kit includes:

- Free Power Point In-services including pre-test, post tests, hand outs, answers, in-service evaluation and in-service certificates
- Nurse Educator of the Year Nomination Forms
- Nomination Forms for NCCDP Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week Contest
- Proclamations for Senators and Mayor
- Letters to the Editors Promoting Your Program
- 97 Ways to Promote Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week
- Resources and Important Web Sites

The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners®, LLC was formed in 2001 to promote standards of excellence in dementia and Alzheimer's education to professionals and other caregivers who provide services to dementia clients. As the number of dementia cases continues to increase nationally and worldwide, there is a great necessity to insure that care givers are well trained to provide appropriate, competent, and sensitive direct care and support for the dementia patient.

Given the importance of the topic. this Staff Education Week is a great place to begin ramping-up your dementia raining.

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