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SPARTA, N.J., Feb. 22 /PRNewswire/ -- As the number of dementia cases continues to increase nationwide and worldwide, there is a great necessity to insure that caregivers are well trained to provide appropriate, competent and sensitive direct care and support for the dementia patient. The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners is stressing the need for Alzheimer's and Dementia training for all <a href="health-care">health</a> care professionals. It is imperative that long-term care facilities provide competent trainers in the area of Dementia.

The National Council is holding a nationally recognized Alzheimer's and Dementia Train the Trainer Seminar on May 14th, 2005. The seminar is recommended for Corporate Trainers, In-Service Directors, Geriatric Care Managers, Nurses, Administrators, Activity Professionals, Social Workers and Consultants. The Alzheimer's and Dementia Trainer Seminar will provide the student with all the tools to implement a comprehensive training program, Power Point, Overheads, 5 Text Books, Video and Handouts. The course will include Overview (Diagnosis, Prognosis, Treatment) <a href="Communication">Communication</a>, Feelings and Repetitive Behaviors, Wandering, Hoarding, Paranoia, Hallucinations, Sun downing, Intimacy, Sexuality, Aggressive Behaviors, Catastrophic Reactions, Personal Care (Swallowing, Eating, Bathing & Dressing), Activities, Environment, Staff and family relationships, Stress and the Caregiver, Multicultural Considerations, Pastoral Care and End of Life.

The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners was formed by a group of professionals with varying work experiences in the field of dementia care. Their backgrounds include Nursing, <a href="Psychiatry">Psychiatry</a>, and Therapeutic Recreation, Social Services, Long Term Care Administration, Elder law and Home Care Administration.

The NCCDP was formed to promote standards of excellence in dementia education to professionals and other caregivers who provide services to dementia clients.

The goal of the council is to develop and encourage comprehensive standards of excellence in the profession and delivery of dementia care.

To qualify for Certified Dementia Practitioners, the applicant must have the following credentials:

1. Certified or licensed in a <u>health care</u> profession 2. 3 years experience in health care 3. Completed a minimum of 7 hours of a comprehensive Alzheimer's and Dementia course.

The NCCDP also provides training to law enforcement as they are generally the first to respond to emergencies. For information please contact National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners at toll free 1-877-729-5191 or visit our website http://www.nccdp.org/.

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