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## SFCC to offer online dementia care class

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State Fair Community College will offer a new online course called "Dementia Care Specialist" April 2 through May 25.

The two-month course is relevant for anyone who works with dementia patients, including employees of senior centers, adult daycare centers, family and home caregivers, and policymakers.

Cost is \$495. Participants may log into the course at any time, day or night, from any computer.

The course will cover a broad spectrum of topics, including dealing with the disease; foundations of the disease; basic neurology of thinking, cognition and memory; practical strategies of communication and management; end-of-life issues; and new best practices and approaches.

Course content includes audio lectures with slides, videos, online readings, and ongoing discussion with the instructor and other participants.

Instructor will be Pamela Atwood, director of Life Enrichment and Dementia Care at Hebrew Health Care, Inc., of West Hartford, Ct. She has worked professionally with older adults for more than 20 years and has a master's degree in Gerontology and Human Development.

She is accredited through the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners and is recognized as a Qualified Dementia Care Provider by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

Atwood says the number of cases of diagnosed Alzheimer's disease has grown 66 percent over the last decade.

For more information or to register, call (660) 530-5822, e-mail [mchapman@sfccmo.edu](mailto:mchapman@sfccmo.edu) or go to [www.sfccmo.edu/lifelonglearning](http://www.sfccmo.edu/lifelonglearning). The course is sponsored by SFCC's office of Lifelong Learning.



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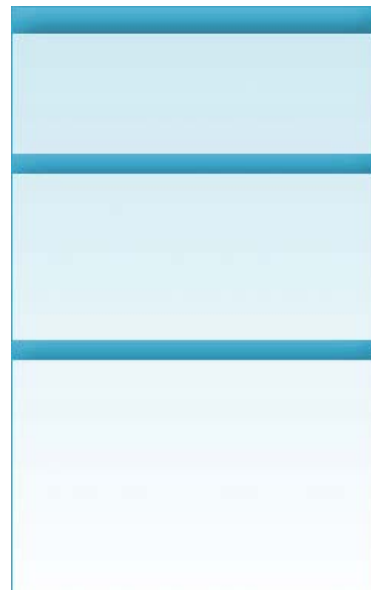
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