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Caregivers need to meet the increasing needs in dementia care.

A report recently released by the London-based Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI) states that the number of people with dementia will double by 2030 and more than triple by 2050. This increases the demand for caregivers, social workers and family members to learn dementia care best practices.

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Attending a seminar or conference in dementia care provides participants with an understanding of the various regulations that exist regarding this mental deterioration. Participants learn to effectively communicate with patients who may exhibit confusion, demonstrate repetitive behaviors and show other characteristics commonly associated with advancing dementia.

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Dementia specialty training programs vary from workshops that take a few hours to complete to programs that last for several weeks or longer. The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners offers certification in this field; its one-day programs take place in various areas of the country and offer seven continuing education credits.

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Fees depend on the length of the program. As of 2010, one-day seminars with the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners typically cost about \$185.00. Be sure to check with your employer, as it may cover most, if not all, of your training expenses.



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