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National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners Offers Free Instructional Tool Kit

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(9/9/2009)

The newest component of the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners (NCCDP) Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week 2010 (February 14th to the 21st) includes a free tool kit. The tool kit is available for download beginning November 2009 to March 2010.

In an effort to bring awareness to healthcare professionals about the importance of comprehensive dementia education, the NCCDP is also offering a wide variety of topics regarding dementia as PowerPoint in-services and is a free download.

The tool kit was developed to bring awareness to staff and nurse educators about Alzheimer's and dementia training, certification in dementia care, and to promote dementia education by means of a face to face/interactive classroom environment.

Currently, there are no national standards for dementia education. The regulations regarding dementia education are different from state to state. The NCCDP recommends at minimum eight hours of comprehensive dementia education to be provided to all staff. NCCDP recommends that ongoing dementia topics be presented throughout the year.

The tool kit includes:

- Associate and Corporate Membership Applications
- Nurse Educator of the year nomination forms
- Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week Contest
- 20 Reasons Why You Should Provide Comprehensive Alzheimer's and Dementia Training to Your Staff by A Live Instructor
- Dementia Word Search Games and Interactive Exercises
- Reading List: Movies and Books About Alzheimer's You Don't Want To Miss
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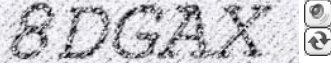
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