

PILOT TRAINEES WANTED FOR FREE COURSES BEFORE JUNE 12!

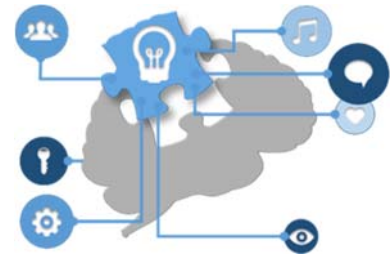
DEMENTIA FOR DIRECT CARE WORKERS

UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA BASICS: MEMORY LOSS, DEMENTIA & ALZHEIMER'S

0.2 IACET CEUs/ 2 Credit Hours Continuing Education

Learning Outcomes: *By the end of training, you should be able to...*

- Identify common conflicting messages and stigma's related to dementia.
- Differentiate between general memory loss, dementia, and Alzheimer's disease.
- Differentiate between irreversible and reversible dementia.
- Describe methods to differentiate between dementia and Alzheimer's disease.
- Describe the symptoms and effects of dementia and Alzheimer's disease.
- Describe how dementia and Alzheimer's affects the brain.
- Describe the stages of the disease(s).
- Identify the benefits of early detection.
- Identify causes and risk factors of dementia.
- Describe the steps included in a clinical assessment of a patient.
- Outline the treatment and common medications provided to patients.
- Describe patient-centered methods to utilize to help patients address impairments related to dementia or a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease.
- Describe ways DCWs can promote early diagnosis.
- Identify actions direct care workers can take to help reduce stigmas and stereotypes related to dementia.
- Describe methods to help family members or caregivers to address impairments related to dementia or a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease.
- Identify resources and organizations that can help patients and family members with dementia and Alzheimer's.



EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION: STRATEGIES FOR DIRECT CARE WORKERS

0.2 IACET CEUs/ 2 Credit Hours Continuing Education

Learning Outcomes: *By the end of training, you should be able to...*

- Recall the ways the brain changes in a people with dementia (PWD) and Alzheimer's Disease and its affect on function and behavior.
- Describe the communication changes that take place throughout the course of dementia and/or Alzheimer's disease.
- Define strategies for decoding the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia and respond in ways that are helpful to the person.
- Describe the importance of providing personalized, tailored, patient-centered care that is based on patient preferences
- Identify patient-centered strategies to connect and communication at each stage of the disease, including verbal, non-verbal or written communication.
- Recall examples of words to utilize that are empowering and enriching, and words and terminology to avoid.
- Recall examples of how to perform active listening.
- Describe communication considerations based on varying cultures of individuals and their families.

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DEMENTIA FOR DIRECT CARE WORKERS TRAINING SERIES



HTHU.NET USER LOGIN INSTRUCTIONS

HomeTown Health University (HTHU.net) provides accredited healthcare staff continuing professional education and training online to be accessed at your convenience online at hthu.net. The ***Dementia for Direct Care Workers Training Series*** is provided at no cost to those who care for patients with dementia, provided through funding from the Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services through the partnership of Alzheimer's Association of Georgia, Georgia Gerontology Society HomeTown Health, and HomeTown Health University. In order to build your personal portfolio over time, it is important that you use your unique user login each time you access the HTHU.net system. The simple instructions for creating a user account are provided below.

TO CREATE A NEW STUDENT ACCOUNT: *(FIRST TIME ONLY)*

1. Go to www.hthu.net/dementia
2. Click "Register for Free" to create a user account by following the registration prompts and completing the Signup page information.
3. Make a note of your username and password to use each time that you login in the future.

BEGINNING COURSEWORK

1. To begin a course, click on the course links on www.hthu.net/dementia.
2. Review the courses Description page, and click the "Enroll" button.
3. You can download or print a copy of the notes in each course's "Digital Library." For courses, you will need headphones or speakers for completion of the audio portion of the course.
4. To begin your education, click on the Launch tab. Once you launch the Course, you will have 30 days to complete it. (At any time, you can stop a course, and come back to pick up where you left off.)

ASSISTANCE WITH HTHU.NET

For managerial assistance with group enrollments or subscriptions, please contact Meghan Williams at meghan.williams@hometownhealthonline.com. If you require additional time to complete a course, need assistance with your account, or would like assistance with registration, please contact hthtech@hometownhealthonline.com.

CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

As an IACET Authorized Provider, HomeTown Health, LLC offers CEUs for its programs that qualify under the ANSI/IACET Standard. HomeTown Health, LLC is authorized by IACET to offer 0.2 CEUs for each of the Dementia for Direct Care Workers online courses. For a full list of organizations that accept the IACET CEU, please visit www.iacet.org.

In order to obtain these units, you must:

- Complete the Pre-Program Assessment
- View the course and complete all activities in its entirety within 30 days
- Pass the Post-Program assessment with 80% or better.
- Complete a webinar evaluation.

Following course completion, participants will be awarded an online certificate of completion. If you have questions, please contact Evelyn Leadbetter at evelyn.leadbetter@hometownhealthonline.com.

