

Title: Understanding Dementia

Aims: To develop participant's skills and confidence in understanding and responding to client's with dementia

Objectives: Understand classification of types of dementia
Practice using dementia assessment tools
Explore signs and symptoms of dementia
Develop interaction strategies for improving communication with dementia clients

Target Audience:

This course is designed for anyone who has to support clients with dementia in their working environment. It will increase participant awareness and confidence levels and enable them to more effectively support and assess clients with this condition

Course Content:

- Introductions
- Understanding dementia
- Differing types of dementia
- Exploring assessment tools
- Psychology of dementia
- Improving interaction
- Case studies
- Communication tools
- Dementia stages
- Evaluations and endings

Commentary

The course covers a basic introduction to the types of dementia that can occur, how to communicate with a dementia sufferer, and methods of improving interaction. It also involves working within small group settings, and uses a number of case studies to explore themes surrounding dementia. It covers the basic knowledge requirement as recommended by the National Care Standards, and can be expanded to cover in-depth assessments and training in the clinical tools used with dementia sufferers.