Understanding the Principles of Dementia Care

Course overview

With 850,000 people in the UK living with dementia, and this number expected to rise to over one million by 2025, dementia is a growing issue which impacts upon the individual as well those who support them.

This course will enable you to develop an in-depth understanding of dementia and its effects, by exploring the various types of dementia, the importance of early diagnosis, as well as focusing on person-centred approaches to dementia care.
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This course is split into seven manageable units:

Unit 1: Understanding dementia
Unit 2: Understand how person-centred approaches are used to underpin the care and support of individuals with dementia
Unit 3: Principles of communication and interaction in dementia care and support
Unit 4: Supporting positive interaction, occupation and activity in dementia care
Unit 5: Principles of equality, diversity and inclusion in dementia care and support
Unit 6: Understand how to support individuals with dementia to exercise choice and rights
Unit 7: Principles of the administration of medication and well-being of individuals with dementia.

Who is suitable?

This course is ideal for those already employed in the health and social care sector who wish to upskill and develop their knowledge of dementia and dementia care, home carers or individuals looking into a career in the care profession.

Learning method

Studying via distance learning means you can choose when and where you study.

This course is available:

- **Online**
- **Paper-based**

Paper-based learning with online assessments.

The online course is available on The Skills Network’s online learning platform, EQUAL. Online learning with a difference, EQUAL features:

- Exciting and engaging content
- Interactivity – featuring videos and games to enhance learning
- Virtual tutors who offer hints, tips and guidance throughout the course.

Benefits

- Gain a nationally recognised qualification
- Establish a long-standing career pathway within the care industry
- Courses are delivered as distance learning, allowing you to choose when and where to study
- Personal tutors are assigned to ensure you have the support needed to succeed.