

## **DEMENTIA SPECIALIST CERTIFICATON**

Upon completion of all 3 sessions, participants will be awarded

*Dementia Specialist Certification*

A certificate of completion will be presented for each of the 3 sessions and a Dementia Specialist Certificate at the completion of all 3 sessions.

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## **DEMENTIA DIALOGUES**

**Dementia Dialogues** is a 5 part learning experience designed to educate individuals who care for persons who exhibit signs and symptoms associated with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementias. Each session is approximately one and one half hours in length.

**Recommended participants** include:

CNA's, PCA's, Nurses, Families, Activity Directors, and anyone who interacts with individuals with dementia.

This program is provided at **no cost** to participants through the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina and the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

## **LEARNING TOPICS**

**Part 1. The Basic Facts, An Introduction to Dementia**

**Part 2. Keeping the Dialogue Going, Communication Skills**

**Part 3. It's a Different World, Environment, Safety and Helpful Hints**

**Part 4. It's Nothing Personal, Addressing Challenging Behaviors**

**Part 5. Now What Do I Do?, Creative Problem Solving**

**Worldwide it is estimated  
that 22 million people  
have  
Alzheimer's Disease with  
approximately 5  
million in the United  
States.**

**The number of people  
with the disease  
doubles every 5 years  
beyond age 65.**

**It is estimated that 16,000  
new cases will occur in  
South Carolina between  
2005 and 2010.**

**Is your staff ready?**

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**A Basic course for  
Caregivers leading to  
Dementia  
Specialist  
Certification**



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