



## ***Content Area Requirements for ADRD 1-Hour Training Curriculum: Hospice Settings***

The following ADRD training content is designed to provide direct care staff with the skills, techniques, and strategies that will enable them to care for individuals with ADRD.

# Understanding Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias (ADRD)

- Define dementia
- Define Alzheimer's disease (AD) & ADRD
- Basic overview of how the brain works
- Discuss how ADRD affects the brain
- Explain how ADRD differs from normal aging with examples
- Identify other conditions that may result in symptoms that mimic ADRD
- Discuss what is currently known about possible causes of ADRD

# Characteristics of ADRD

- Stages/continuum of AD and how it progresses
- Common symptoms associated with each stage
- Common challenges for caregivers (both family and professional) associated with each stage

# Communicating with Persons with ADRD

- How ADRD affects communication skills
- Strategies and guidelines for verbal communication
- Strategies and guidelines for nonverbal communication

# Pre- and Post-test

- Evaluation of employee's knowledge prior to receiving the training
- Evaluation of employee's knowledge after receiving the training

*Pre- and post-tests should not exceed 5% of the total instruction time.*

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# CURRICULUM MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

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## ***Content Area Requirements for ADRD 3-Hour Training Curriculum: Hospice Settings***

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# Behavior Management

- Common behaviors associated with each stage
- General problem-solving approach to challenging behaviors
  - *For example, the ABC Model*
- Specific strategies and techniques for dealing with challenging behaviors
- Alternatives to physical and chemical restraints



# Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) for Persons with ADRD

- Strategies for success in beginning, middle and late stages
- Examples illustrating success for the following:
  - Dressing
  - Grooming
  - Eating
  - Bathing
  - Toileting and incontinence

# Activities for Persons with ADRD

- Group activities
- Individual activities

# Caregiver Stress Management: Physical, Emotional and Financial

- Review types and causes of stress (e.g., physical, emotional, and financial) that may be experienced by caregivers, families, and professionals
- Identify ways stress can be assessed or identified
- Identify strategies to reduce stress (e.g., stress management techniques, validation through review of Caregiver Bill of Rights, self-care, joining support group, education, and professional support)

# Developing Skills for Working with Families and Caregivers

- Recognizing issues and concerns of family members of persons with ADRD in early, middle, and late stages
- Discuss the grief process and how it relates to the multiple, ongoing losses associated with ADRD
- Strategies for encouraging family members' involvement with their loved one's care
- Identify local community resources/support services

# Maintaining a Therapeutic Environment for Persons with ADRD

- Philosophy of care
- Physical environment (indoor and outdoor)
- Security
- Safety
  - Discuss wandering
  - Identify elements of a “safe environment”
  - Identify at least one technology related to safety for individuals with dementia (e.g., GPS, secure environment aids, etc.)
- The importance of schedules and routines
- Staff as part of the environment

# Ethical Issues and Persons with AD

- Ethical principles incorporated into approaches to care
  - Autonomy
  - Beneficence
  - Justice
- At least two case studies that illustrate conflict with these ethical principles

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