

NCFE LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN DEMENTIA AWARENESS

Who is it for?

There are approximately 750,000 people in this country who have some form of a dementia. This course is designed for anyone who wishes to improve their knowledge and understanding of the condition and of how to apply the principles of 'person-centred dementia care'.

Qualification

The qualification is accredited by a nationally recognised awarding body – NCFE. Candidates work through the distance-learning course materials at their own pace, and at times convenient to them – so there is no need to attend the college to gain the qualification.

Course aims

- To provide candidates with an understanding of dementia, the functioning of the brain, and the memory process
- To encourage candidates to use a person-centred approach in order to understand emotions and behaviours they may find challenging
- To promote the application of person-centred principles to everyday care activities
- To provide employers with a structured training programme which will meet the training needs of their employees
- To facilitate career development

Course content

The course consists of four units covering:

- Understanding dementia
- Understanding person-centred care
- Using a person-centred approach to understand emotions and behaviour
- Applying person-centred principles to personal care, mealtimes, activities and the caring environment

Course delivery and assessment

Candidates will be provided with course materials for the programme. The learning materials contain the knowledge needed to meet the assessment requirements of the course and activities to allow candidates to practise their skills and test their learning. Candidates work through the learning materials and complete assessments for each unit. Learning activities and assessments are based on a combination of knowledge and skills learned on the programme and work-based activities and experience. On successful completion of the 4 units you will be awarded a certificate.

Tutor support

You will have access to a tutor who will support you throughout the programme. Your tutor will agree a schedule of work with you that suit your particular circumstances. Typically the programme can be completed in 12–20 weeks. You will be entitled to receive a minimum of 6.5 hours of 1:1 support throughout the programme. You will be able to contact your tutor and/or the college for help, support and guidance at any stage of the course. Your tutor will provide you with detailed feedback on your work.

Progression opportunities

The qualification aims to provide a sound preparation for further study and access to a range of vocational programmes, including NVQ's in Care or Promoting Independence. In addition, more general routes are also appropriate, for example the NCFE Certificate in Equality and Diversity.