

WYCOA DEMENTIA CARE CERTIFICATE

Caring for those living with Alzheimer's Disease or a related dementia can be challenging work and requires the use of skills and techniques designed to safely support these individuals. The need for professionals with expertise in dementia care is growing rapidly as the prevalence of dementia continues to increase worldwide. In response, the Wyoming Center on Aging (WyCOA) is offering a Dementia Care Certificate for healthcare professionals working with individuals with dementia. The certificate is an online self-paced program designed to fit within the healthcare professional's busy schedule. The modules are previously recorded WyCOA workshops, online trainings, and webinars from experts in their field. Further, modules developed by the Health Resources and Services Administration are included to provide a standardized dementia foundation.

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The WyCOA Dementia Care Certificate is a convenient, easily assessable program that recognizes individuals for learning quality dementia care practices and knowledge.

Funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will allow the certificate to be offered free of charge for those who complete certificate requirements June 30th, 2025.

Please do not contact UW IT or the UW Registrar's office regarding this program. If difficulties arise, please contact WyCOA

Professional Continuing Education Credits Available

Earn up to:

8.25 CE credits in the Intro Course
9.75 CE credits in the Advanced Course

The Wyoming Center on Aging (WyCOA) can provide a Certificate of Completion for self-reporting.



Wyoming Center
on Aging

Our Mission: to optimize the health of Wyoming's older adults and their caregivers through education, intervention, collaboration, and research.

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FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS,
STUDENTS & DIRECT CARE WORKERS

2024 Update



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The Dementia Care Certificate, offered by the Wyoming Center on Aging (WyCOA), is designed for formal and informal direct care providers of older adults across care settings. The goal of the certificate is to increase knowledge of dementia and to enhance confidence in caring for people with dementia.

The certificate is a self-paced program with all content, quizzes, and evaluations provided online.

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Choose the level you would like to complete. You can complete one or both levels.
2. Complete modules listed.
3. Complete accompanying quizzes with a score of 70% or better
4. Complete registration information at the beginning of the course and the program evaluation at the conclusion of the course.

You must complete all requirements to receive your certificate. Modules may be viewed multiple times but credit will only be given once.

You will receive your certificate upon completion of selected level (s).

GETTING STARTED:

1. Prior to beginning the first module, download the latest Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures from the Alzheimer's Association. This document may be used as a supplement to material presented in the modules.
2. This program is delivered through WyoLearn through the University of Wyoming. You will receive an email from WyoLearn once registered with further instructions.
3. **This course is not affiliated with courses by the University of Wyoming; as such, do NOT contact UW IT or the UW Registrar's Office if problems arise.**



The certificate is FREE for anyone who completes by June 30th, 2025.
Register now!

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CERTIFICATE LEVEL DETAILS

INTRODUCTORY LEVEL:



(RECOMMENDED FOR CNAs AND OTHER DIRECT CARE WORKERS)

1. Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias
2. Understanding Early Stage Dementia
3. Interprofessional Teams: The Middle Stage of Dementia
4. Resiliency Techniques for Healthcare Providers
5. The Power of Language in Times of Crisis
6. Support with Personal Care and Hygiene
7. Understanding Behavioral Change in Dementia
8. Assessing Decisional Capacity in Persons with Dementia
9. Advocacy and Access to Care Coordination with Families
10. Palliative and End-of-Life Care for Persons Living with dementia

ADVANCED LEVEL:



(HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS WITH ADVANCED DEGREES OR OTHERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE INTRO LEVEL)

1. Providing and Discussing a Dementia Diagnosis with Persons Living with Dementia and Their Care Partners
2. Management of Common Medical Conditions Observed During Middle and Late Stages of Dementia
3. An Update on Alzheimer's Medications
4. Dementia Behavioral Management: Specific Behaviors, Assessing Behaviors, and Developing a Management Plan
5. It's More Than Personal: Caring for People Living with Dementia is a Public Health Priority
6. Assessing Medical Consent Capacity: A Clinicians Perspective
7. Public Health Considerations for Cultural Adaptations in Dementia Caregiving Supports
8. Effective Care Transitions to and from Acute Care Hospitals
9. The Provider's Role in Shared Decision-Making with Caregivers, Families, and Persons Living with Dementia
10. Comprehensive Goal Setting to Support Palliative Care