

 Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Dementia-Related Disorders

HTH 105.70

1 credit

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[Course](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/) Description: This course provides students with a basic understanding of Alzheimer’s and other related dementias. Changes in memory and function, communicating with people with Alzheimer’s and other dementias, person-centered care, methods and approaches to care, and understanding the needs of and working with family members will all be examined. Learning techniques such as small online group discussion posts, online interactive exercises, written reflection and comprehensive essays, online role-plays, and case scenarios will be used. This class was developed to meet the training requirements of 105 CMR 150.024 for students who obtain employment in a long term care facility with a dementia special care unit upon graduation.

**This course was developed as an online course, using the CARES® Dementia Basics and CARES® Dementia Advanced Care™ online training developed by HealthCare Interactive®**

Students need to take both online exams and achieve at least a 90% to receive their Alzheimer’s Association® essentiALZ® certification. This certification meets the 2014Guidelines for Dementia Special Care Unit Regulations (105 CMR 150.024) of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Health Care Quality.

The instructor uses a text, essay questions, group discussion posts, interactive exercises, written reflection, and case scenarios to engage online with the students and to supplement the CARES® training.

This course was developed so that nursing home employers who hire our students directly after graduation do not need to first get students trained and certified before they can start working on memory-impaired units.

The instructor uses the Moodle leaning management system to identify weekly expectations and facilitate discussions, readings, and assignments.

Besides this description, this course upload includes:

* course syllabus
* assignments and discussions
* PBS video assignment
* pre- and post-test
* final essay

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