

Dementia Care: Facilitating the Journey

Continuing Professional Development

Who is the course aimed at?

This 20 credit module is for health and social care practitioners who need advanced skills and knowledge in the assessment and early intervention phases of dementia.

Aims

The aims of the course are to:

- > Equip practitioners with the knowledge and understanding of people with dementia and their families in order to practice person-centred, relational care and to intervene positively in the early phases of dementia;
- > Develop practitioners' skills and knowledge to implement effective multidisciplinary partnerships that improve service delivery.

Course Content

During the 20 credit module participants will:

- > Learn about the impact of living through the early phases of dementia for the person, family and carer (this will be integrated through the taught sessions);
- > Explore how policy analysis, evidence bases, practice skills, and system innovations are linked with the needs of clients;
- > Participate in workshops in relational and communication skills to enhance practice skills;
- > Critically review tools and strategies of assessment/diagnosis and early intervention;
- > Learn about implementation of partnership working methods that foster service innovation in the workplace;
- > Learn about support and facilitation for workplace practice development.

Participants will share and learn from others' expertise and knowledge within a range of study sessions including:

- > Taught sessions in policy analysis, theory, practice and dementia care knowledge;
- > Practice workshops, seminars, role play/simulation and group discussion;
- > Small group task projects and analysis of the work products;
- > Planning and evaluation of workplace projects;
- > Case analysis and clinical review of practice.

Assessment

Assessment consists of a case analysis that focuses on critical reflection of practice skills supported by literature and evidence base.

Duration

One semester

There will be seven taught sessions and 40 hours of academic direction.

Cost

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