# Advancing practice in the care of people with dementia





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## Introduction

# **About Dementia Training Australia**

Dementia Training Australia is a national consortium led by the University of Wollongong and consisting of Alzheimer's Australia, La Trobe University, Queensland University of Technology, the Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre (University of Tasmania) and the University of Western Australia

# **Our training services**

Funded by the Australian Government, Dementia Training Australia (DTA) aims to deliver evidence-based and up-to-date dementia training to health professionals and care workers nationally and to support the translation of knowledge into day-to-day practice in the care of people with dementia.

DTA services include:

- Training resources:
  - Toolkits
  - Training facilitator manuals
  - Online programs
- Training activities:
  - Workshops
  - Webinars
  - Guest lectures
  - Accredited vocational training
- Training resources
- Consultancy services
- Tailored training packages

### Access to DTA training and resources

DTA training is available to health professionals and care workers from any care setting. DTA training is generally provided free of charge with the exception being the possibility of fees being levied for activities undertaken as a tailored training package. All DTA training activities attract either continuous professional development hours, a vocational level qualification or a tertiary award.

# The Dementia Training Australia Education Modules

#### About the modules

The ten Dementia Training Australia modules provide core information about dementia and the care of people with dementia. The content provides an introduction to the key components and issues in the care of people with dementia and directs readers to sources of more in-depth information and useful resources. The content is suitable for health professionals from all disciplines and for undergraduate health care students.

The modules form a totally self-directed education program. Health professionals undertaking the modules are free to do so at their own pace and there are no time limits on completing the program.

Each completed module equates to 15 Continuing Education (CE) hours.

# **Facilitator guide**

A Facilitator Guide has been developed to compliment the modules and to enable health educators or senior clinicians to deliver a workshop or education sessions based on the content of the modules.

#### Contact us

For enquiries regarding the modules please contact Dementia Training Australia via our website at <a href="https://www.dementiatrainingaustralia.com.au">www.dementiatrainingaustralia.com.au</a>

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# List of modules

Module 1: Overview of dementia

Module 2: Risk factors and risk reduction

Module 3: Diagnosing Dementia

Module 4: Treatment and intervention options

Module 5: Social and lifestyle considerations

Module 6: Philosophy of care

Module 7: Therapeutic communication and relationships

Module 8: Creating dementia friendly environments

Module 9: Younger onset dementia

Module 10: Carer Health