

Essex County Council

2021/22 Certificate in Principles of Dementia Care

What Qualification/level is this course?

This is an NCFE Level 2 Certificate

Who is the course for?

This qualification's purpose is to develop the learner's knowledge and understanding of the principles of caring for those with dementia. It covers areas such as person-centred care, the influence of positive communication methods, issues relating to the use of medication for those with dementia and the importance of providing appropriate activities.

This course is also suitable to those wishing to build confidence, those returning to work and those looking to improve their employment opportunities to build the skills required for working in the care sector.

What can I expect to learn?

Develop an understanding for dementia awareness; the person-centred approach to the care and support of individuals with dementia; the factors that can influence communication and interaction with individuals who have dementia; equality, diversity and inclusion in dementia care; the administration of medication to individuals with dementia using a person-centred approach; behaviour in the context of dementia and the benefits of engaging in activities in social care.

How will I learn?

An online course where learners will also be asked to carry out research and reflection for the subject area and will be directed to online tools and reputable websites. Learners must successfully demonstrate their achievement of all learning outcomes of the units.

How will I know how well I am doing?

Learners will have an assigned tutor who will communicate on the online platform and when needed telephone or Microsoft Teams.

Work will be regularly assessed and marked, and learners will be provided with encouraging developmental feedback.

Targets will be set at different stages of the course to enable learners to meet personal and course objectives.

Will I have to do any work at home?

We recommend at least 6 - 8 hours a week to complete research, reading and home study.

Typically, the course can be completed in 5 months.

What will I need to provide?

Learners will need to have access to a computer or device to enable them to visit the online platform to complete and submit work.

Telephone to enable tutor contact.

Pen/pad of paper for taking notes for example to use during one to one phone meetings.

Are there any other costs?

There are no other costs in addition to the course fee.

What can I do next?

The tutor will be happy to support and guide learners towards courses that will compliment current skills, needs, interests and current job role.

Learners may wish to consider the following:

- Level 2 Understand the Safe Handling of Medication
- Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Autism
- Level 2 Certificate in Customer Service for HSC
- Level 2 Certificate in Mental Health Awareness
- Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults)

Further information:

For information on all ACL courses please see <http://www.aclessex.com/>

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