

Spring 2007

GERT 528/478

Advanced Issues in Dementia Care

This 4-day course is designed for health care professionals and graduate students who have some experience in dementia care. A multidisciplinary team of local experts will focus on recent developments in the assessment, treatment and research of Alzheimer's disease and related conditions. Assessment tools and how to use this information to plan interventions will be explored.

Learning Objectives – You will:

- Learn the clinical characteristics and differences between Alzheimer's disease and related disorders including Dementia with Lewy Bodies, Huntington's disease, Pick's disease, and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.
- Identify the brain changes resulting in dementia and the impact these changes can have on a person's behavior and ability to perform tasks.
- Learn how to use the information from various assessment tools to plan therapeutic interventions and programs.
- Learn the rationale for using an evidence-based approach to solving practical problems in dementia care.

Special Features:

- The class takes a field trip to the University of Michigan Alzheimer's Disease and Research Center where a neuro-pathologist will discuss advances in research and treatment of Alzheimer's and related dementias. At the University of Michigan, students will also learn the procedure involved in brain autopsies
- A speech pathologist will discuss issues in eating and swallowing (dysphasia) which may occur in the advanced stage of dementia

When:	Friday & Saturday, May 11 and May 12, 2007 (9a.m. – 4 p.m.) Tuesday, June 12, 2007 (9.am – 4 p.m.) Saturday, June 23, 2007 (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
Where:	EMU, Ypsilanti campus, Marshall Building
Instructors:	Deanna Miller, LLBSW & Jo Campbell, MA
Cost:	-Graduate 2 credits: \$902.50 -Undergraduate 2 credits: \$582.50 <i>(tuition & fees are subject to change at any time)</i>

**Prior knowledge and experience in dementia care is recommended.*

**For details about how to register for this course, please contact:
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