

GERT 523/GERT 478 Designing Programs for People with Dementia (2 Credits)

This course is designed for professionals who want to learn more about needs-based assessment and successful programming in dementia care. Essential considerations when designing meaningful group experiences for persons with a variety of physical, emotional, and behavioral issues related to progressive dementia will be explored. The highlight of GERT 523/478 is a fieldwork assignment that provides students with the opportunity to design, implement, and evaluate a small group program for persons with moderate and advanced dementia in their setting of choice. Understanding and facilitating group process will be emphasized.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES – Students will learn how to...

- Describe the rationale for providing meaningful programs that address the cognitive, physical, spiritual and psychosocial needs of persons with dementia throughout the continuum of the condition.
- Assess the ongoing needs of persons with dementia and determine how this information can be used in daily care.
- Customize approaches for assisting individuals with diverse levels of functioning to be more independent.
- Design and facilitate a successful small group experience for individuals with moderate to advanced stage dementia, with an emphasis on building meaningful relationships among the group members.

When:	Friday & Saturday, May 20 & 21, 2005	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
	Saturday, June 25, 2005	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
	Saturday, August 6, 2005	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
	Note: this course spans over the spring and summer terms	

Where: Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, 119 Marshall

Cost: Graduate 2 credits: \$700.50 Undergraduate 2 credits: \$458.00
(tuition & fees are subject to change at any time)

Activity Professionals: Upon completion of this course, activity professionals will have earned two college credits to apply to certification.

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