Award: DTA Certificate in Advanced Dementia Practice

Professional Designation: Advanced Dementia Practitioner

Proposed Post-nominal: DTA-ADP

Purpose

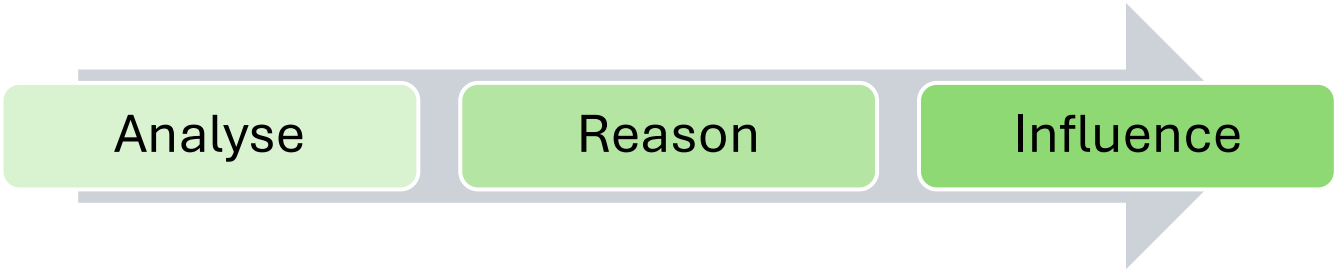
The Advanced Dementia Practitioner moves beyond competent application into **analysis, professional reasoning, leadership and influence**.

The practitioner learns not simply to recognise what is happening, I provide care", but to examine why it may be happening, what evidence is available, what assumptions influence interpretation, and what additional perspectives may be required, *"I influence the quality of care around me"*.

The Advanced Dementia Practitioner develops the ability to:

- analyse rather than merely describe;
- distinguish observation from interpretation;
- reason when information is incomplete;
- recognise alternative explanations;
- work with complexity and uncertainty;
- integrate identity, health, communication, environment and relationships;
- exercise proportionate professional judgement;
- recognise when escalation or another professional perspective is required;
- lead reflective practice;
- coach and mentor colleagues;
- influence team culture;
- support families and relational systems;
- challenge assumptions and diagnostic overshadowing;
- bring evidence and lived experience into decision-making;
- influence practice beyond their own direct interactions.

I can analyse complexity, exercise deeper judgement and influence the quality of dementia practice around me.



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