Specialist Dementia Practitioner

Award: DTA Certificate in Specialist Dementia Practice

Professional Designation: Specialist Dementia Practitioner

Proposed Post-nominal: DTA-SDP

Purpose

The Specialist Dementia Practitioner develops **deeper assessed expertise within a defined area of dementia practice**.

The difference from Advanced practice is depth; an Advanced Dementia Practitioner needs breadth across dementia practice. A Specialist Dementia Practitioner develops additional depth within a particular domain.

Specialist pathways

Family & Relational Practice

Behaviour, Distress & Emotional Wellbeing

Dementia Environments & Design

Communication, Culture & Inclusion

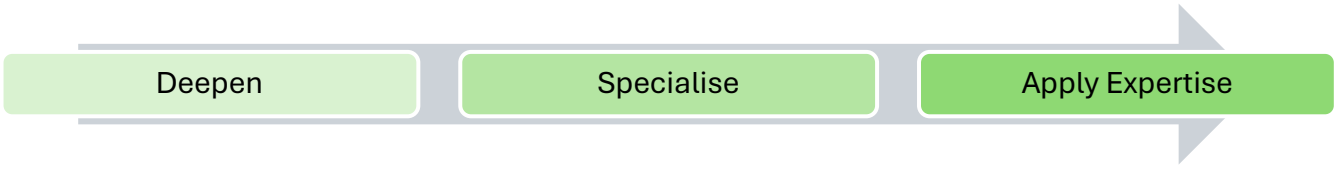
Complex Dementia Care & Reasoning

Leadership, Coaching & Practice Development

The Specialist Dementia Practitioner would develop the ability to:

- demonstrate advanced subject-specific knowledge;
- critically evaluate evidence within the chosen specialism;
- apply specialist frameworks and reasoning;
- analyse complex cases within the specialist field;
- advise and support colleagues within appropriate professional boundaries;
- mentor others in specialist dementia practice;
- evaluate interventions and approaches critically;
- identify limitations in current practice;
- translate specialist evidence into practical improvement;
- contribute specialist expertise to multidisciplinary discussions.

I have developed deeper expertise within a defined field of dementia practice.



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