Award: DTA Certificate in Dementia Practice

Professional Designation: Dementia Practitioner

Proposed Post-nominal: DTA-DP

Purpose

The Dementia Practitioner stage establishes the knowledge and practical understanding required to provide informed, identity-centred dementia support.

Learners develop an understanding of dementia as a group of neurological conditions rather than simply memory loss, explore the major dementia presentations, understand how neurological change may affect everyday functioning, and learn to distinguish dementia from normal ageing and other conditions requiring appropriate assessment.

The Dementia Practitioner develops the ability to:

- understand dementia and its different presentations;
- recognise how dementia can affect thinking, communication, emotion, behaviour and everyday life;
- support identity, dignity and personhood;
- recognise the person beyond diagnosis;
- apply dementia knowledge to everyday support;
- notice changes that should not automatically be attributed to dementia;
- communicate compassionately;
- support independence and meaningful participation;
- work safely within role and competence;
- reflect upon the experience of the person living with dementia.

I understand dementia and can apply that understanding to support people well.

Pathway principle:



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