

Understanding Psychiatric issues in Older Adults

The most difficult aspects of care for adults in care facilities are the psychiatric and behavioral complications of dementia, depression and personality “issues”. Unfortunately, most staff receives little, if any, training on understanding the causes of behaviors and/or how to manage the difficult interactions. This program will discuss behavioral management and understanding the clients/ resident’s behaviors in the context of their environments, psychiatric illnesses, and our own interactions. Case vignettes will be incorporated to assist staff in application of approaches.

9:30 – Registration

10:00- 10:30 - Understanding the Behavioral Health Needs of Older Adults

10:30 – 12 Noon Psychiatric Issues in Older Adults

- Delirium
- Depression
- Personality “Issues”
- Neuropsychiatric or Psychological and Behavioral Symptoms of Dementia

BUFFET LUNCH

1-:00 – 2:00 Behavioral and Psychosocial Interventions

2:00 – 2:15 BREAK

2:15 – 3 PM Behavioral and Psychosocial Interventions

- Developing a Therapeutic Alliance
- Behavioral Responses to Care giving
- “Institutional” – Environmental Effects

3:00 – 3:30 Applied facility cases

3:30 Conclusion and Evaluation

