

Promotional: WA: Psychosocial Needs of the Older Adult

****You MUST print this for Continuing Education purposes and keep with your certificate of completion.**

Requirements:

For successful completion of this educational activity and receipt of 1.0 contact hour(s), the learner must:

1. Participate in 60 minutes of continuous learning.
2. Complete a quiz with a minimum score of 80%.
3. Complete an evaluation form.

Educational activity description:

Older adults experience many changes that can affect their mental well-being and quality of life. It is important that caregivers recognize risk factors for impaired psychosocial health among the older adults that they care for. This educational activity explores strategies that staff can use to make a positive impact on the mental health of older adults in care settings.

Target audience:

The target audience for this educational activity is nurses in assisted living setting and other interested staff. This is an intermediate level educational activity. Information is geared to practitioners with a general working knowledge of current practice trends and literature related to the subject matter. The focus is on increasing understanding and competent application of the subject matter.

Learning outcome:

At the completion of this educational activity, the learner will demonstrate knowledge about psychosocial support of the older adult by passing a quiz with a score of 80% or greater accuracy.

Learning objectives:

At the completion of this educational activity, the learner will be able to:

1. List three (3) myths about aging.
2. Identify three (3) adjustments common to the aging population.
3. Select three (3) elements of communicating well with older adults.

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