

Initial & Continuing Training Online: Pennsylvania Assisted Living Direct Care Staff (Special Care Unit)

State Requirement Summary:

- Hours
- ◆ Initial: 8
- ◆ Annual: 8
- Deadline
- ◆ Initial: within the first 30 days of the date of hire
- ◆ Annual: yearly

CareAcademy offers a 8 hour initial & continuing training program to meet the requirements for Direct Care Staff (Special Care Unit) working for Pennsylvania Assisted Living.

CareAcademy has a robust class library from which to choose which contains several condition-specific classes including proper care procedures. Please review the full class list for a complete class selection.

1. CARE1200 - Introduction to Dementia Care
2. CARE1201 - Communicating with a Person with Dementia
3. CARE1202 - End of Life Dementia Care
4. CARE1203 - Addressing Agitation & Aggression in Dementia
5. CARE1204 - Safety in Dementia
6. CARE1205 - The Science of Dementia
7. CARE1206 - Parkinson's Disease Dementia
8. CARE1208 - Clients' Rights and Abuse Prevention for Older Adults Living with Dementia
9. CARE1209 - Addressing Dementia-Related Behaviors When Assisting with ADLs
10. CARE1216 - Mobility and Falls Prevention for Older Adults Living with Dementia

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STATE REGULATION § 2800.236	CAREACADEMY CLASSES
<p>(a) Each direct care staff person working in a special care unit for residents with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia shall have 8 hours of initial training within the first 30 days of the date of hire and a minimum of 8 hours of annual training related to dementia care and services, in addition to the 16 hours of annual training specified in § 2800.65 (relating to staff orientation and direct care staff person training and orientation). (b) The training for each direct care staff person working in a special care unit for residents with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia at a minimum must include the following topics:</p>	
An overview of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias	CARE1200-Introduction to Dementia Care (60mins)
Managing challenging behaviors.	CARE1203-Addressing Agitation & Aggression in Dementia (60mins)
Effective communication.	CARE1201-Communicating with a Person with Dementia (60mins)
Assistance with ADLs.	CARE1209-Addressing Dementia-Related Behaviors When Assisting with ADLs (15mins)
Creating a safe environment.	CARE1204-Safety in Dementia (60mins)

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CareAcademy Recommendations	CARE1202-End of Life Dementia Care (60mins) CARE1205-The Science of Dementia (30mins) CARE1206-Parkinson's Disease Dementia (60mins) CARE1208-Clients' Rights and Abuse Prevention for Older Adults Living with Dementia (60mins) CARE1216-Mobility and Falls Prevention for Older Adults Living with Dementia (15mins)
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