



## Get the Professional Recognition You Deserve for Your Passion, Heart, and Skills!

### **What are Dementia Capable Care/Care Partner and Dementia Capable Care Therapist recognitions?**

Recognition for your commitment to CPI's Dementia Capable Care training and principles, which is the foundation for high-quality dementia care.

### **What is Dementia Capable Care?**

Care provided by care partners (therapists, nurses, aides, activity professionals, leadership, and others) who have the passion, heart, and skill to enhance the function, safety, and quality of life of those with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD).

### **How does this recognition benefit me?**

With Dementia Care Specialists' Dementia Capable Care/Care Partner and Dementia Capable Care Therapist recognition, you:

- Receive acknowledgment of your commitment to and successful completion of CPI's Dementia Capable Care training.
- Gain the skills to raise the quality of dementia care at your facility.
- Have an exceptional opportunity to influence the standard of care at your facility.
- Become linked to the Dementia Care Specialists (DCS) community for sharing advice, solutions, and success stories.
- Be listed on our online registry as a professional who has achieved this special status and who is a member of our *Dementia Capable Network*.



## What do I receive?

With successful achievement of Dementia Capable Care/Care Partner or Dementia Capable Care Therapist recognition, you receive:

- A certificate and pin identifying this accomplishment and status.
- Public recognition as a Dementia Capable Care Therapist or Dementia Capable Care/Care Partner and member of the *Dementia Capable Network*, as you will be (a) listed on CPI's online registry and (b) named in periodic press releases.
- Free access to two hours of additional training per year (after the first year).
- Opportunities to communicate with DCS and others within the peer network for upskilling, problem-solving, networking, and best-practice sharing.

## How do I obtain Dementia Capable Care Therapist or Dementia Capable Care/Care Partner recognition and become a member of the *Dementia Capable Network*?

There are four requirements. Please see the standards and requirements information.

## Standards and Requirements for an Individual

In order to become a Dementia Capable Care/Care Partner or Dementia Capable Care Therapist, you are expected to satisfy the following four requirements.

### 1. Submit an Application That Satisfies Approval Requirements

- You must reside and work in the US.
- You must complete an application for approval including:
  - Professional title and education history. (**If you are applying for Dementia Capable Care Therapist recognition**, you must be an occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistant, speech-language pathologist, physical therapist, or physical therapy assistant. **If you are applying for Dementia Capable Care/Care Partner recognition**, you must be a nurse, nursing leader, nursing aide, activity team member, social worker, or administrator/executive director.)
  - Work experience in dementia care (requires at least two years' experience—may be waived at the discretion of the audit team).
  - Reason you are seeking Dementia Capable Care/Care Partner or Dementia Capable Care Therapist recognition.
  - Previous dementia training obtained from Dementia Care Specialists (DCS).

#### Important notes about the application process:

- You must submit a nonrefundable fee of **\$100** with the application.
- Typically, the Dementia Capable Care/Care Partner or Dementia Capable Care Therapist application and approval process takes approximately **two to four weeks**, providing you fulfill your responsibilities promptly.



## 2. Demonstrate Compliance With Training Standards and Other Requirements

Initial Training Standards for a Dementia Capable Care Therapist	Initial Training Standards for a Dementia Capable Care/Care Partner
<p><b>1. Successfully complete:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Dementia Capable Care: Two-Day Foundation and Dementia Therapy Applications Course</i> (Note: <i>Dementia Therapy Applications</i> can be taken live or online.)</li> <li>b. <i>Dementia Capable Care: Two-Day Dementia Therapy Intermediate Course</i></li> </ul> <p><b>2. Receive a passing grade on the post-test.</b></p>	<p><b>1. Successfully complete:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Dementia Capable Care: Two-Day Foundation and Care Partner Applications Course</i></li> </ul> <p><b>2. Receive a passing grade on the post-test.</b></p>
Ongoing Training Standards	Ongoing Training Standards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Every year, successfully complete a minimum of two additional hours of DCS training (after year one). Education may be via participation in DCS-led eLearning, live, or webinar learning events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Every year, successfully complete a minimum of two additional hours of DCS training (after year one). Education may be via participation in DCS-led eLearning, live, or webinar learning events.</li> </ul>
Other Requirements	Other Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Every six months, submit at least one success story or article, giving approval for DCS to publish in print or online as desired or post to the peer network.</li> <li>▪ Every six months, complete and submit outcomes and survey to DCS.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Every six months, submit at least one success story or article, giving approval for DCS to publish in print or online as desired or post to the peer network.</li> <li>▪ Every six months, complete and submit outcomes and survey to DCS.</li> </ul>



## Audit Compliance

During the initial and ongoing audits, you will demonstrate compliance with standards and other requirements to maintain status and membership via:

- Self-report of job history with submission of resume (at time of initial application).
- Passing of post-test.
- Training records.
- Submission of success stories, surveys, and outcomes at scheduled intervals.

If an audit reveals that you are out of compliance with a standard or requirement, you will have 120 days to initiate a corrective action plan and regain compliance.

If, after 120 days, the noncompliance is not rectified per the satisfaction of the auditor, your Dementia Capable Care/Care Partner or Dementia Capable Care Therapist recognition will be permanently revoked or suspended.

At such time, you must immediately cease all promotional activities related to your Dementia Capable Care/Care Partner or Dementia Capable Care Therapist recognition, and Dementia Care Specialists will take the actions necessary to identify the change of status. If your recognition is revoked, all fees previously paid are nonrefundable.

## 3. Fees (Submit and Maintain Good Standing)

### Nonrefundable Application Fee

A nonrefundable **\$100** application fee is required at the time of the initial application and the renewal application. The fee covers administrative costs to review and process the application.

### Membership Fee

Membership fee of **\$150 per three-year term** is required upon acceptance. This includes administrative time and deliverables previously named.

**Note:** Application does not guarantee successful completion. Should consultation be required for successful completion, hourly fees would apply.

## 4. Maintain Integrity as a Dementia Capable Care/Care Partner or Dementia Capable Care Therapist

When you obtain Dementia Capable Care/Care Partner or Dementia Capable Care Therapist recognition, you are required to maintain adherence at all times to specified approvals for marketing this special recognition. If at any time you abuse these guidelines, your recognition will be immediately revoked without opportunity for reinstatement. All fees previously paid are nonrefundable.



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