

International Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners to Offer Dementia Certification to Health Care Professionals

ICCDP Chooses Relias Learning to Deliver Online Alzheimer's & Dementia education. ICCDP to Offer CDP Certification to International Healthcare Professionals

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World wide we are facing a crisis with our older population who have a diagnosis of dementia. Health care staff lack dementia education and training to insure that compassionate care is provided.

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Sparta, NJ– October 16th 2015 — The International Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners, based in New Jersey, United States of America, has partnered with Relias Learning to set up an all-new online training portal for international health care professionals seeking certification in the area of dementia care. The Certification is called Certified Dementia

Practitioner® (CDP®). The online certification and learning site can be found at the point of entry at www.iccdp.net.

“Worldwide, dementia is the number one diagnosis in older people and it is imperative that all health care professionals and front line staff are offered the opportunity to complete a comprehensive [dementia education](#) curriculum — and the opportunity to receive dementia certification as a Certified Dementia Practitioner CDP. This type of comprehensive education and CDP certification provides health care professionals the tools to provide compassionate and knowledgeable care to the most vulnerable people,” said Sandra Stimson, CEO and Founder of NCCDP and ICCDP. Mrs. Stimson went on to say, “Most countries do not have national standards regarding dementia education and that is not acceptable. Health care professionals can now obtain comprehensive dementia education right from the privacy of their home of office.” In the United States ICCDP’s sister company is the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners, which has been providing dementia education and CDP certification to thousands of health care professionals and front line staff for over a decade.

The online learning site for ICCDP hosts more than 1,000 courses and features a 17-hour Alzheimer’s disease and Dementia Care curriculum that awards the health care professional the CDP Certified Dementia Practitioner certification upon completion. The certification covers the following topics and many more:

- Overview of Alzheimer’s disease and dementia
- Wandering and hoarding, communication, feelings
- Challenging and aggressive behaviors

- Depression and delirium
- Staff and family support
- Cultural diversity, therapeutic recreation
- Sexuality and end-of-life concerns
- Therapeutic activities and much more

ICCDP's sister company, the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners (NCCDP), has been a partner of Relias Learning since 2011. The ICCDP's new online learning portal launch marks another milestone in the successful partnership. International health care professionals are encouraged to view the CDP certification and ICCDP Alzheimer's disease and Dementia Care curriculum available at www.iccdp.net where professionals will complete a CDP application, and, if they meet the professional requirements, will be directed to Relias Academy and the ICCDP Alzheimer's disease and Dementia Care (17 hours) curriculum. Professionals will be able to complete the online curriculum at their own pace.

About ICCDP International Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners

The International Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners (ICCDP) is open to all health care professionals and front line staff who qualify for CDP® certification and are interested in comprehensive dementia education, who value dementia education training, who are committed to ending abuse and neglect and who value Certified Dementia Practitioner® CDP® certification.

The ICCDP Council was formed to promote standards of excellence in Dementia and Alzheimer's disease education and dementia certification to professionals and front line staff who provide services to dementia clients. As the number of dementia cases continues to increase worldwide, there is a great necessity to ensure that caregivers, front line staff and health care professionals are well trained to provide appropriate, competent, and sensitive direct care and support for the dementia patient. The sister company, National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners®, LLC (NCCDP), was formed in 2003 by a group of professionals with varying work and personal experiences in the field of dementia care. For information about ICCDP please see www.iccdp.net

About Relias Learning

Relias Academy is an online training portal offered to individuals and small organizations. The Relias Learning content and learning management system is available for purchase by anyone in the health care industry. ICCDP's new site, www.iccdp.net, delivers a scalable international solution to health care professionals, giving them a comprehensive Alzheimer's disease and Dementia Care education, and enabling them to conveniently earn their CDP certification.

Relias Learning provides an online training and compliance solution for the health care market. Relias offers unrivaled content, while providing their clients the ability to create a unique curriculum, including live training, and allowing for the demonstration of skill and performance, all in a singular, powerful learning management system. For more information about Relias, please visit us at www.reliaslearning.com.

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