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## Level 2 - NCFE Certificate in Dementia Awareness

### Course description

There are over 700,000 people in the United Kingdom who have some form of dementia, with numbers expected to rise above one million by 2025. The course is designed for anyone who wishes to improve their knowledge and understanding of the condition and of how to apply the principles of 'person-centred dementia care'.

### What are the benefits of doing this course?

The qualification is designed for those who wish to understand more about dementia. It is highly valuable to people who support those with the condition, in a personal or professional capacity.

The programme aims to provide candidates with an understanding of the common types of dementia. It will help learners to develop an awareness of the support framework that exists for people with dementia and will provide candidates with an appreciation of a person-centred approach, including the importance of effective communication, relationships, teamwork and life history work.

The Certificate in Dementia Awareness will be invaluable to anyone who supports a client, friend or family member who has dementia, as it will encourage them to use a person-centred approach in order to understand the emotions and behaviours that they may find challenging. It will also help them to apply person-centred principles to everyday care activities, such as personal care and meal times.

Employers, particularly in the care sector, will also benefit if staff complete the NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Dementia Awareness. Staff who successfully achieve the qualification will have a greater understanding of the condition, increasing their professional confidence and enabling them to be competent when supporting those with dementia.

### Course contents

The course comprises four mandatory units covering specific learning outcomes:

- Unit 01: Understanding Dementia
- Unit 02: Understanding person-centred dementia care
- Unit 03: Understanding 'challenging' behaviour in the context of dementia
- Unit 04: Applying a person-centred approach to dementia care

### Course delivery and assessment

Candidates will be provided with the course materials for the programme and will be required to work through a series of tasks and activities designed to reinforce the learning process and demonstrating their knowledge. The candidate will need to produce a portfolio of work that covers all learning outcomes. This qualification consists of a written assessment for each unit, which will be completed by the candidate and assessed by a tutor of MJ Associates Training & Development. The assessed units will be then externally moderated by NCFE, the awarding body.