

Certified Dementia Support Group Facilitator CDSGF

CDSGF Certified Dementia Support Group Facilitator certification is open to health care professionals and clergy who facilitate support groups in assisted living communities, nursing homes, home care agencies, hospice agencies, CCRC's, adult day care, independent living communities.

General Standards:

- Health Care Professional who has worked (paid work experience not volunteer experience) a minimum of 1 year in a health care setting such as association, nursing homes, assisted living, home care agencies, hospice agencies, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, government agency, psychiatric facility, adult day care. If you do not see the type of agency you work for listed, we do make exceptions from time to time. Please contact NCCDP. This does **NOT** apply to your experience as a Support Group Leader / Facilitator
- Must have a minimum of 1 year of experience facilitating Alzheimer's disease and or related Dementia support groups.
- Must have completed the 8-hour NCCDP Comprehensive ADDC Alzheimer's Disease Dementia Care Curriculum taught by an approved NCCDP CADDCT Certified Alzheimer's disease and Dementia Care Trainer. Upload a copy of the class certificate provided to you at the conclusion of the live seminar.
- High school graduate
- Your application must be submitted within 30 days of completing the ADDC class.

APPLICATION STEPS

1. Complete the application
2. View the "Revitalizing Your Support Group" power point, read the hand out and complete an online test.
3. ATTEND THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA CARE ONE DAY 8 HOUR SEMINAR.

Applications must be submitted within 30 days upon completing the NCCDP ADDC Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Course taught by an approved NCCDP CADDCT Instructor. If you are unable to submit within the deadline, please contact the NCCDP for further instructions.

Once approved, your name will be added to the NCCDP CDSGF online Registry. We will not list your address. You will be added to the NCCDP Newsletter and or Digital Online Magazine

publications databases which is complimentary and is emailed to you several times a year. If you do not receive it, please let us know your email address has changed.

RENEWAL INFORMATION

A renewal notice will be emailed to you and a hard copy will be sent through the mail. You are required to renew every two years You will need 10 contact hours or 10 CEUs every two years in any health care related topic from any source. We will not ask for proof of this at the time of renewal but if you are selected for audit you will need to show proof of the hours. Please view the fees page at www.nccdp.org for the latest renewal fee.

If Your Application is Denied

If you are not awarded a certification and you wish to appeal, please write a letter to:

NCCDP
Executive Appeal
1 A Main Street Suite 8
Sparta, NJ 07871-1909
USA

You must send a typed letter that includes: Email address, your name, address and phone number, reason for denial and why you are appealing the decision. The NCCDP Executive Appeal Committee will reach a decision after reviewing your application. All decisions reached by the Executive Appeal committee are final. Please allow 6 to 8 weeks to process.