



DAWN Trainer Certification Essays

As the third component to becoming certified as a DAWN Trainer, complete each of these 19 one-page essays, demonstrating mastery of the following concepts, and discuss them with Judy to her satisfaction:

- 1) Describe appropriate care/reality orientation vs. habilitative/strength-based care;
- 2) Identify differences between treatment and care;
- 3) Explain why reality orientation does not work with people experiencing dementia;
- 4) Identify and describe the strengths and skills kept and lost in dementia;
- 5) Identify and describe the emotional needs created by dementia;
- 6) Describe the differing duties of care when providing senior care vs. dementia care;
- 7) Describe the differing concepts of manipulation, motivation, and inspiration;
- 8) Describe the differing concepts of respect, admiration, and love and their significance in relationships and wellbeing;
- 9) Explain the aspects of Genderlect that impact people experiencing dementia;
- 10) Explain beauty and its impact on people experiencing dementia;
- 11) Describe how to use technology to create supportive interior environments;
- 12) Describe how to use technology to maintain connections with loved ones;
- 13) Explain the effective use of sensory stimulation for people experiencing dementia;
- 14) Explain the effective use of social stimulation for people experiencing dementia;
- 15) Identify and describe all types of nonverbal communication;
- 16) Identify and describe the differing rational and intuitive thinking systems;
- 17) Identify and describe the concepts of the remembering self and experiential self;
- 18) Explain the value and tools of mindlessness in the context of dementia;
- 19) Chart and describe the six stages of dementia from a functional perspective.