

## Supporting People with Advanced Dementia MDEM 4004

Supporting People with Advanced Dementia is a module which forms part of the Postgraduate Certificate in Person-Centred Dementia Studies, hosted at the University of Worcester (UK). It can also be studied as a standalone option with 15 Credits at Level 7. It is provided fully online, via distance learning, and includes regular live tutorials.



This module will enable students to critically consider approaches to support people living and dying with advanced dementia. Students will consider moral theories and ethical decisions within the complexities and unique challenges of the issues surrounding palliation and end of life care in dementia. They will explore how to best facilitate people living with advanced dementia to be heard, have their choices and wishes recognised, and have their identity maintained throughout their dementia journey. We will also be exploring the holistic experience of caring for a family member with advanced dementia, considering both the positive and negative effects of this role upon the family carer and the person living with dementia.

Within this module you will clearly hear the voice of those living with advanced dementia, their families and professionals. This module will be of interest to those working within all health, and social care settings.

Learning is focused upon exploring the theory and practice of promoting best possible care for those living and dying with advanced dementia. Within the module we will consider:

- Language and stigma around advanced dementia and dying, and the consequential impact of this upon those living with dementia and society as a whole.
- Optimal end of life care for those dying of advanced dementia.
- Moral and ethical dilemmas, and how we make balanced decisions when we have a situation which is complex and where people are expressing conflicting values.
- How we ensure we maintain our own moral well-being and identity in the midst of all of this.

Students will gain:

- Enhanced ability to understand and support those living with advanced dementia and their families.
- Increased competence and confidence in developing opportunities to lead change to ensure the delivery of quality evidence-based care at end of life for those with advanced dementia.

Module teaching begins in September 2023, running through until December 2023.

Module Fees are revised annually. Module Fee for 2022/23 was £620 (UK & EU Students); £900 (International)

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**Early enquiries and applications are encouraged to avoid disappointment.**

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