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UOG workshops in May: Learning about dementia-related behaviors

The University of Guam's Guam/Micronesia Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program is offering an opportunity for caregivers of persons with dementia to participate in an online training and certification program called CARES Dementia-Related Behavior. Participants will learn how to respond when persons with dementia are feeling confused, frustrated, scared, or angry, or exhibiting behavior that is disruptive or aggressive. Participants who complete all four modules of the program will receive a certificate of completion and will be eligible for CARES Dementia Certification. The training schedule is outlined below.

Module 1: Introduction to Dementia-Related Behavior

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, or

10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 6

Module 2: Using the CARES Approach with Dementia-Related Behavior

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, or

10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 13

Module 3: Breaking down the CARES Approach for Dementia-Related Behavior

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, or

10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 20

Module 4: Key Responses to Dementia-Related Behavior

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, or
10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 27

Sharing Caregiver Stories and Finding Support

In the fifth week of May, one session will provide participants with an opportunity to share their experiences as family caregivers of persons with dementia and to receive support and guidance from other members of the group. This session will be held:

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 31

Participants can attend the Wednesday or Saturday sessions using the following Zoom links:

Wednesday sessions: <https://zoom.us/j/92072878067>

Saturday sessions: <https://zoom.us/j/91243370958>

Ongoing dementia support groups

These sessions are part of the ongoing online support groups for family caregivers of persons with dementia being conducted by the Guam/Micronesia Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program of the UOG School of Health. The support group sessions are held on Zoom on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings year-round. The sessions are free of charge to partners, family members, and other caregivers of persons with dementia who have ties to Guam and the Micronesian region.

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