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## **Training in elder abuse awareness and prevention continues in September**

The University of Guam's Guam/Micronesia Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program is offering another opportunity for caregivers of persons with dementia to participate in the CARES Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention online training and certification program. This training program focuses on how to recognize signs of elder abuse, including physical abuse, emotional abuse, financial abuse, sexual abuse, and caregiver neglect and self-neglect. It also describes many positive things you can do to help prevent elder abuse.

The program has four modules. The first three modules were conducted in August and the fourth module is being offered this month. Make-up sessions for all four modules are also being offered this month. Participants who complete all four modules will receive a certificate of completion and will be eligible for CARES Dementia Certification. The training schedule for September is outlined below.

### **Module 4: Community Resources**

- 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, September 6, or
- 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, September 9

### **Module 1: What is Elder Abuse? (Make-up Session)**

- 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, September 13

### **Module 2: Dementia and Elder Abuse (Make-up Session)**

- 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, September 16

**Module 3: The CARES® Approach and Elder Abuse Prevention (Make-up session)**

- 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, September 20

**Module 4: Community Resources (Make-up Session)**

- 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, September 23

**Certification Exam**

- 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, September 27, or
- 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, September 30

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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