

## DVD & Book: - DVD Course and Book Set - Communication and Caregiving in Dementia: a positive vision

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(The Wide Spectrum Publications, Sunningdale, 229 pages)



- Ideal for specialist dementia caregiver education
- Recommended for caregivers, students in related professions, and for use at 'support groups' for family carers
- Key material from the knowledge base developing for professional dementia care
- Accurate information about dementia and the variety of factors influencing behaviour
- Understanding the range of abilities that can be affected, and how to support them
- Easy to remember concepts and models

The course book can be used on its own, and with the DVD set. It is arranged

with: an introductory chapter discussing the assumptions, vocabulary and

metaphors used, a chapter to accompany each DVD, in order

more advanced and supplementary materials contained in appendices

additional notes for educators at the end of the book

All pages may be photocopied for teaching purposes

14 DVDs about specific topics. Average DVD time: 45 minutes

- Topic 1 Memory and attention: bookcase model of memory
- Topic 2 The aging senses: Part A (vision and hearing)
- Topic 3 The aging senses: Part B (touch, pain, smell, taste, kinethesis)
- Topic 4 What is and isn't dementia
- Topic 5 The Behavioural Staging of dementia: Part A
- Topic 6 The Behavioural Staging of dementia: Part B
- Topic 7 When dementia isn't recognized: Case study of letters to the Chef
- Topic 8 Language changes in dementia
- Topic 9 Visuo-perceptual changes in dementia
- Topic 10 Activities and pastimes
- Topic 11 Questions and visiting strategies
- Topic 12 What is known about family carers
- Topic 13 Grieving and guilt
- Topic 14 Communication options

Reviewers comments:

"The material on communication (asking good questions - brilliant) and grieving and guilt is priceless and not available elsewhere. "

- Dr. David Wilkinson (Old Age Psychiatrist, Founder of the Memory Assessment and Research Centre, Southampton, U.K.)

"Anyone wishing to know how dementia affects people, and how they and their families may be helped, should experience Gemma Jones' specialist course. Dr. Jones' academic writing is easy to understand and illuminating. All those who are committed to an involvement with dementia would benefit from her series of lessons."

- Derek Ball (Journalist and public relations consultant working with people with dementia, their families and professional caregivers, U.K.)

"Seeing the responses of the family carers on the DVDs attests to the importance of understanding their perspective, providing timely support and education for them, and creating real care partnerships with them. I am recommending this course to everyone interested in dementia."

- Josephine Hemsted-Martensson (Retired Chair of the Board of Directors, Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, Orillia, Ontario, Canada).

"I'm better equipped to answer the [help-line] phone now. I have new insight into what the carers are saying."

- Course participant (Helpline Respondent for an Alzheimer Society Branch, U.K.)

"The information about the sensory changes, staging and verbal communication has been good...I'm not good at communicating... and it could be long innings still. The course was great".

- Course participant (Husband, age ~55)

"Inspiring! It's much more hopeful and positive than I thought it could be; it gives me real hope for the future."

- Granddaughter (A level student, age ~18)