

### WHY CERTIFICATION?

To ensure people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias receive the best possible care.

NCBAC is the ONLY independent national board that follows the healthcare certification/licensure model to administer standardized certification examinations in dementia care. The purpose of the Board is to provide a benchmark for core competencies and knowledge for those who provide care and education in the field of dementia.



## CERTIFIED ALZHEIMER CAREGIVER CERTIFIED ALZHEIMER EDUCATOR



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## NCBAC follows Best Practices in bestowing Certifications

According to accrediting standards, NCBAC does not require it's training programs as a prerequisite for Certification. The purpose of Certification is to deliver quality assessment based on industry knowledge, independent from any particular training course or course provider.

Recognition of a well-defined profession and its standards of care provide career pathways and educational programs that aid employee recruitment and retention efforts.

Additionally, certified employees are proven more reliable in their ability to do their jobs.



# Board Certified Individuals

- Have skills consistent with specific national standards and criteria
- Provide better care through proven understanding of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders

# Employers who recognize certification can

- · More easily identify qualified individuals
- Provide a career ladder for certified individuals
- · Attract dedicated professionals
- Have confidence that they are protecting the public
- Reduce care costs due to the improved care provided by Certified staff

### **NCBAC Mission**

To offer a national certification program that sets standards and promotes the public good by providing credentialing and registry services for those who care for persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

To grant support and educational resources as well as acknowledgment and recognition to those who dedicate their lives to caring for others.

### Certified Alzheimer Caregiver

The candidate for this test is someone who cares for those with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Candidates may be family members, or those who work in home health care, adult day care centers, hospice, assisted living facilities or nursing homes. They may or may not have a high school diploma. They may or may not be a Certified Nurse Aide, Licensed Practical Nurse or Home Health Aide.

Upon passing the examination, the Certified Alzheimer Caregiver has demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the special needs and circumstances of persons with Alzheimer's and other dementias and their families. They have the competence to work on a practical level with this population, using their knowledge of the disease to apply strategies to produce the best possible environment of care.



#### Certified Alzheimer Educator

The candidate for this test is someone who works in Alzheimer care and has developed expertise in the field. The educators are responsible for educating and training the caregiver. In addition they may provide workshops/lectures/information to persons with early stage Alzheimer's or related disorders, their families, and the general public.

The Certified Alzheimer Educator may be a nurse, social worker, education coordinator, administrator, or other person who has demonstrated advanced knowledge and understanding of the special needs and circumstances of persons with Alzheimer's disease and their families. With additional expertise in adult learning theory and techniques, they have the competence to effectively teach the concepts and strategies to produce the best possible environment of care.