

ADED 737.1 Course Outline as of Summer 2025**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: ADED 737.1 Title: PERSONAL CARE 1: BASIC

Full Title: Personal Care Attendant 1: Basic Care

Last Reviewed: 11/26/2018

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	0	Lecture Scheduled	0	8	Lecture Scheduled	0
Minimum	0	Lab Scheduled	6.00	4	Lab Scheduled	48.00
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	6.00		Contact Total	48.00
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 0.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 48.00

Title 5 Category: Non-Credit

Grading: Non-Credit Course

Repeatability: 27 - Exempt From Repeat Provisions

Also Listed As:

Formerly: ADLTED 737.1

Catalog Description:

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:**Recommended Preparation:****Limits on Enrollment:****Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Transfer Credit:

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area	Effective:	Inactive:
CSU GE:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
IGETC:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
CSU Transfer:		Effective:	Inactive:
UC Transfer:		Effective:	Inactive:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Certificate Applicable Course

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Explain and discuss basic human physiology and health concepts applicable to the work of a personal care attendant.
2. Model appropriate administrative duties of personal caregiving, including respecting patient privacy.
3. Apply appropriate psychological concepts to duties of personal caregiving.
4. Explain and discuss HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), and caregiver legal rights and responsibilities.

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Explain the importance of cleanliness and infection control in promoting wellness and preventing disease in humans at the individual and the environment levels
2. Analyze dietary selections based on nutritional suggestions and food labels
3. Demonstrate proper techniques in acquisition of client vital signs and analyze vital signs based on physiological norms and risks
4. Explain the application of medication guidelines to client health
5. Apply the concepts of movement and exercise to common client concerns, including depression, falling, and muscular-skeletal health
6. Describe the differences between the physiology of aging and dying human bodies from human bodies in prime health years
7. Prepare clear and relevant documentation in response to case studies
8. Comply with a Personal Care Plan using appropriate modeled behavior, and apply Person Care Checklist and observation records to observation and charting
9. Evaluate case studies on the topic of adult/elder abuse, and select appropriate actions in response to such abuse
10. Explain the stages of grief

11. Explain the challenges specific to caregivers, clients, and family members of persons with dementia
12. Model verbal and nonverbal behavior that supports effective speaking and listening

Topics and Scope:

I. Introduction to Caregiving

- A. The role of the personal care attendant as a member of the health care team
- B. Patient rights HIPAA
- C. Professional demeanor
- D. The role of ethics in care giving

II. Home Safety and Infection Control

- A. Assessment
- B. Infection control
- C. Handwashing

III. Skin Care and Cleanliness

- A. Bathing
- B. Hair care, nail care, and shaving
- C. Oral care
- D. Bedsores/pressure ulcers
 1. Common sites
 2. Stages of skin breakdown
 3. Prevention

IV. Understanding and Working with Older Patients

- A. Basic body structure--body systems and organs
- B. Death and dying
- C. Stages of grief
- D. Hospice
- E. Post-mortem care
- F. Psychological aspects of aging

V. Nutrition

- A. Nutrition basics
- B. Reading food labels
- C. Special diets
- D. Guidelines for feeding/serving the elderly
- E. Dehydration
- F. Safe swallowing
- G. Buying and storing food

VI. Caregiver Skills

- A. Vital signs--temperature
- B. Vital signs--pulse
- C. Vital signs--respiration
- D. Vital signs--blood pressure

VII. Medication Guidelines

- A. The role of the pharmacist
- B. Safety guidelines for medication

- C. Communicating about medications
- D. Fostering independence
- E. Daily medication schedule
- F. Emergency phone numbers

VIII. Physical Movement--Part One

- A. Body mechanics
 - 1. Lifting options
 - 2. Pushing, pulling, and carrying
- B. Proper sitting and standing posture
- C. Bed mobility
- D. Correct use of wheelchair, walker, and cane

IX. Physical Movement--Part Two

- A. Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)
- B. Depression and arthritis pain
- C. Benefits of exercise
- D. Fall prevention

X. Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease

- A. Overview of dementia
- B. Alzheimer's disease and its challenges

XI. Communication--Part One

- A. Verbal and non-verbal messages
- B. Effective speaking and listening skills
- C. Communication variables
- D. Changes that affect communication
 - 1. Normal changes
 - 2. Age and disease-related changes

XII. Communication--Part Two

- A. The importance of written documentation
- B. Correctly following a personal care plan
- C. Correctly using a personal care checklist and observation record
 - 1. Appearance, Behavior, Communication (ABC) of observation
 - 2. Rules and principles for charting

XIII. Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse

- A. Definition
- B. Types of abuse
- C. Signs of abuse
- D. Reporting abuse and mandated reporters

XIV. Caring for the Caregiver

- A. Signs that indicate need to pay attention to self
- B. Identifying the needs of the caregiver and finding successful ways to meet them
- C. Wage theft and overtime protections in the law
- D. Domestic Workers Bill of Rights

Assignment:

1. In-class practice exercises and communication activities (20 to 24)
2. Role-playing in pairs and groups (20 to 24)
3. Charting Exercises (3 to 5)
4. Exercise practice demonstrations (3 to 5)
5. Nutritional labels reading exercises (3 to 5)
6. Quiz--Patient rights and professional ethics

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Charting exercises	Writing 10 - 10%
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Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Nutritional labels reading exercises	Problem solving 5 - 10%
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Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Roleplaying; exercise demonstrations; practice exercises	Skill Demonstrations 40 - 45%
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Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Quiz	Exams 10 - 10%
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Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Active participation and attendance	Other Category 30 - 30%
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Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Instructor prepared materials

Providing Home Care. 4th ed. Leahy, William and Fuzy, Jetta and Grafe, Julie. Hartman. 2013 (classic)