

Enabling Environments for People with Dementia (MDEM4005)



Enabling Environments for people with dementia is an online module, provided via distance learning. It forms part of the Post Graduate Certificate in Dementia Studies, hosted at the University of Worcester (UK), but can be studied as a standalone option (with 15 Credits at Level 7).

The Module starts in September 2021, running through until January 2022. It will be repeated every September and the next closing date will be Tuesday 3rd August 2021– look out for notifications.

It will interest those involved in housing, design, architecture, domiciliary care, care homes, occupational therapy, extra care housing, health care settings, hospitals and other contexts.

It is about:

- Understanding how the environment impacts upon people with dementia affording opportunities or creating constraints.
- Exploring how the environment can be significant for supporting well-being, preserving identity and facilitating citizenship of people living with dementia
- Examining the creation of dementia friendly communities, the importance of place and social connectedness.

Students will gain:

- Enhanced ability to understand how people with dementia experience their world
- Increased competence and confidence in assessing environments and using this information as a catalyst for change

Assignments offer students the opportunity to directly explore the context of environment in their workplace. The first assignment enables students to use an assessment tool and present the findings. Later, there is a 2000-word critical analysis of the literature underpinning enabling environments, using learning from the Module.

In summary you will:

- Identify the ways in which people with dementia experience and manage the opportunities and constraints of their environmental conditions
- Be able to critically analyse the research literature relevant to enabling environments for people with dementia in community and care settings
- Learn how to critically apply the principles of enabling environments to maximise autonomy and facilitate the development and maintenance of relationships
- Be able to critically assess different types of environments for their ability to provide a safe, familiar place to engage in activities of everyday life
- Learn how to integrate environmental assessment information and research evidence to develop options for improving environments for people with dementia

Closing date: TBA

Module Fee for 2021/22 - Home £608; International £881

Contact: Teresa Atkinson is the Module Lead and is happy to answer any questions about the Module, or the full Post Graduate Certificate in Dementia Studies.

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