What is Dementia Live®

Dementia Live® is an experience that immerses participants in to what life might be like living with cognitive impairment and sensory change. Utilizing specialized gear that simulates dementia specific changes that include altered eyesight, hearing and tactile sensation, this safe experience is a powerful and effective tool to strengthen care partner’s understanding of and empathy for their residents.

Gaining a first-hand understanding of anxiety, isolation, frustration, confusion, and more, Dementia Live uniquely walks participants from the “AHA” moment to empowering caregivers with tools to improve communication, care processes, and the environment.

Answering the Need

Care for older people is, more than ever, about care for people living with dementia. There is an urgent need to equip care partners with effective, practical tools. Dementia Live is an innovative, foundational training tool that addresses person-centered care initiatives.

Dementia Live® –

Is Feasible: The Dementia Live® Experience can be implemented in a number of different settings • Can be integrated as a powerful tool in new staff training

Is Effective • Learning outcomes improve communication, and care processes • Results in high retention rates that help staff make immediate improvements in care skills • Decreases patient stress and anxiety • Improved communication skills empower caregivers and builds trust with patients

Encourages Family Engagement as an active member of the care team • Provides a means for family to better engage with their loved one • Enhances resident/family experience

Facilitates staff satisfaction • Mutually beneficial, reducing stress • Builds stronger bond between caregiver and resident • Aligns with person-centered care values

Strengthens marketability with a program for community outreach • Dementia Live certification tangibly demonstrates commitment to innovative dementia care
Our goal is to help create cutting-edge dementia care by system-wide integration of Dementia Live®. We empower and license eldercare communities to implement the Dementia Live® program for staff training, family engagement, and community education.

**Step 1.** Our experts train selected staff members from each participating community, either on-site or by way of online learning. Upon completion of training, staff members are designated as Dementia Live® Coaches and authorized to implement the program in the community in which they work.

**Step 2.** Coaches teach staff members and conduct family and community outreach education.

**Step 3.** We provide on-going support for Coaches throughout the license period.

- Authorization to use the Dementia Live® licensed program for one year with annual renewal
- Materials, resources, and templates or program implementation
- Ongoing follow-up including newsletters, online coach resources, coach connections, and phone support
- Assistance with tracking clinical outcomes if needed

“Becoming a partner with the Dementia Live program has opened the eyes of staff, families, and the community. We value the training and the research behind this program and it has become a part of our Civitas culture.”

Misti Powell, Civitas Senior Living
VP of Cultural Development

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