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Course Title: COTA Skills 121

Course Subtitle: Working with Elders Who Have Hearing Impairments

Source: Occupational Therapy with Elders: Strategies for the COTA, 3rd ed. by Rene Padilla, MS, OTR/L, Sue Byers-Connon, BA, COTA/L, ROH and Helene Lohman, MA, OTD, OTR/L

Source Description: The only comprehensive book on geriatric occupational therapy designed specifically for the COTA, Occupational Therapy with Elders: Strategies for the COTA, 3rd Edition provides in-depth coverage of each aspect of geriatric practice, from wellness and prevention to death and dying. A discussion of foundational concepts includes aging trends and strategies for elder care, and coverage of emerging areas includes low-vision rehabilitation, mobility issues including driving, and Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Expert authors René Padilla, Sue Byers-Connon, and Helene Lohman offer an unmatched discussion of diverse populations and the latest on geriatric policies and procedures in this fast-growing area of practice.

See course outline below for details and inclusive content in COTA Skills 121 course

Target Audience: OT/OTA and other healthcare professionals

Course Length: 1 hour

Course Author/Instructor: Rene Padilla, MS, OTR/L, Sue Byers-Connon, BA, COTA/L, ROH and Helene Lohman, MA, OTD, OTR/L
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Educational Level: Introductory, Intermediate, Advanced

The course is written at the intermediate level, but learners of all levels will benefit from the information.

Course Objectives:

At the conclusion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Describe sensorineural and conductive hearing losses.
- Describe ways that slow, progressive changes in the auditory system interfere with occupations that require communication.
- List environmental modifications that reduce background noise in homes and institutions.
- Describe possible safety recommendations for home and institutional environments where hearing-impaired elders reside.
- Describe the effect of age-related hearing loss on

- socialization, communication, and travel and its possible contribution to feelings of isolation for hearing-impaired elders.
- List suggestions for improving communication with hearing-impaired elders.
 - Describe possible behaviors that may indicate hearing impairment.

Outline of Content:

Hour #1

Hearing Conditions Associated with Aging
Common Hearing Conditions of Elders
Psychosocial Aspects of Hearing Impairments
Rehabilitation and the Hearing-Impaired Elder
Observable Behaviors That May Indicate Hearing Loss
Safety Gems for the Hearing Impaired
Recommendations for Improving Elder Communication
Communication Tips for Working with the Hearing Impaired
Providing Assistive Hearing Devices

Instructional Methods and Formats:

Online course available 24/7 at www.OnlineCE.com includes PDF downloadable course. See course formats for additional details.

Course Completion Requirements:

A minimum passing score of 100% is required for course completion. You will have as many attempts as needed until your passing score of 100% is achieved. Upon successful completion of course, you will receive your certificate of completion and AOTA eligible CEUs.

AOTA Classification Codes:

- Category 1: Domain of OT
- Category 2: Occupational Therapy Process
- Category 3: Professional Issues

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