

# **AAI/St. Joseph's College Training Curriculum for Professional Healthcare Providers**

## **Alzheimer's Disease Training**

For the past two and a half years, Alzheimer's association long island has been working to develop a NYS Certified Training curriculum for professional healthcare providers. During this timeframe, the NYS Legislature saw the need to develop guidelines for Adult Care Facilities and Assisted Living Residences and passed this legislative initiative in 2004. As a result of this legislative initiative, a New York State Task Force has been created to provide guidance with regard to the new licensing requirements. Our Executive Director and CEO, Mary Ann Malack-Ragona, has been appointed to this Task Force and clearly recognizes that staff training is going to be a large part of the new licensing regulations for Adult Care Facilities & Assisted Living Facilities.

Alzheimer's association long island, in conjunction with St. Joseph's College, has now developed an approved training curriculum for professionals who work directly with those diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. The curriculum is made up of five components to include: an overview of Alzheimer's disease, coping with behaviors, improving communication, stress reduction and available support services and resources.

This training will be offered as a forty-two contact hour course and participants will be eligible for three credits towards a degree program, should they so desire. Everyone will receive a Certificate of Completion once all five components have been successfully completed. This curriculum will be offered at St. Joseph's College, starting with the Spring Semester, 2006. In addition, AAI will be bringing this course out to professional healthcare providers beginning the second quarter of 2006. We will be developing central locations where we can offer this curriculum to a broad audience. It is also our intent to seek statewide approval for this curriculum and then national accreditation within the next two years.

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