



Dementia Training Application for Approval

In 2017, the Legislature passed [HB3359](#) (now codified as [ORS 443.433](#)) that requires all direct care staff within assisted living and residential care facilities to complete pre-service training on specific areas of dementia care and 6 hours annual in-service dementia training. The law also requires that all pre-service and in-service training provided to direct care staff must be approved by a private or non-profit organization that is approved by the Department of Human Services (DHS).

LeadingAge Oregon has been approved by DHS as a designated approving body.

Rules to address this law are found in Oregon Administrative Rule [OAR 411-054-0070](#).

Timelines for completion of training requirements follow:

- Direct care staff hired on or before December 31, 2018 must complete the pre-service training by December 31, 2018.
- Direct care staff hired after December 31, 2018 must complete the pre-service training prior to providing care.
- Annual in-service dementia training requirements start January 1, 2019.
- Effective January 1, 2019, each direct care staff must complete 6 hours of annual training on dementia care by the anniversary of their hire date in 2020.
- The dementia care training may be included in the required minimum of 12 hours in-service training required for direct care staff within ALFs/RCFs.

Detailed information about the new requirements, including who needs to submit an application to receive approval of their training, trainings that have been pre-approved, as well as FAQs can be found on the [DHS website](#). Pre-approved trainings do NOT need to be submitted for approval. [Oregon Care Partners](#) offers a no cost training package that covers all the required pre-service training topics that has been pre-approved.

Submit an Application

Two applications have been developed to be completed and submitted for approval of dementia training: one for pre-service and one for annual in-service. Pre-service training must be completed by December 31, 2018. Annual in-service requirements begin January 1, 2019. Obtain the applications below:

- Pre-Service Dementia Training Approval Application - [link](#)
- Annual In-Service Training Approval Application - [link](#)