



**DEMENTIA
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Workshop by International Guest Speaker **Michelle Bourgeois (USA)**



Unlocking the Silent Prison:

Using visual cues to communicate with persons with dementia

Visual cues in the form of pictures and sentences have proven effective for enhancing conversation and memory-related behaviors of persons with dementia.

This workshop will begin with a review of the disease process in dementia and a model of the memory systems. The memory components that are less impaired in people living with dementia will be discussed.

Strategies will be described that emphasize the use of written and graphic cues to modify problem behaviors and to maintain conversation skills, enhancing the overall quality of life of people living with dementia and their caregivers.

- Date** Thursday 11th April 2013
Time 9.30am-4.00pm
Venue Meeting Room 3, Ground Floor
Darwin Convention Centre
Stokes Hill Road
DARWIN NT 0800
Cost \$30.00 inc GST
Catering Morning tea and lunch provided
Points RCNA CNE= 5
Register <https://santdtsc.eventarc.com/14383>

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AS PLACES ARE LIMITED**

Confirmation of your registration will be sent via email

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Objectives

As a result of attending this workshop, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the range of memory and language deficits amenable to visual cues
2. Design a variety of visual cuing stimuli (memory books, reminder cards, letters, memo boards, etc.) for a variety of communication situations
3. Apply the visual cuing technology to examples of problem behaviors in other settings and with caregivers.

Recommended for

Health professionals qualified or seeking to be qualified at a tertiary level. Including, but not limited to, nurses, occupational and diversional therapists, physiotherapists, psychologists, social workers, speech pathologists, and students.

Facilitator

Michelle Bourgeois, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, ASHA Fellow, is a Professor in the Department of Speech & Hearing Science, Ohio State University.

She has received numerous grants from the National Institutes of Aging (NIA) and the Alzheimer's Association to investigate interventions for spousal and nursing home caregivers designed to improve the quality and quantity of communicative interactions with residents with dementia, to evaluate memory aids and interventions for persons with dementia and traumatic brain injury, and to develop training programs for institutional caregivers.

A clinical researcher, Professor Bourgeois has published numerous research articles, training manuals and CDs, and books. She was the recipient of the 2007 Barry Reisberg Award for Non-Pharmacologic Research, Theory, and Clinical Practice.