



Dementia Leadership Course 2025 Schedule

Day 1 (November 19)

10:15 – 10:30 am

Welcome & Introduction

Susan Frick, MSW, LSW, Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center

10:30 – 11:45 am

Leadership and Dementia Care

Susan Frick, MSW, LSW, Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center

11:45 – 12:45 pm

Lunch Break

12:45 – 2:15 pm

Update on Dementia

Raj C. Shah, MD, Associate Professor, Family Medicine and Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center

Day 2 (November 21)

10:15 - 11:45 am

Ability Centered Care

Anna Ortigara, RN, MS, FAAN

11:45 - 12:45 pm

Lunch Break

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Speaking to the Heart: Communication Skills that Create Connection

Erin Bonitto, Gemini Consulting

Day 3 (Dec 3)

10:15 – 11:30 am

From Routine to Meaning: Personalizing Engagement in Daily Life

Carmen Bowman,

11:30 – 11:45 am

Being an Expert in the Larger Community -

Susan Frick, MSW, LSW, Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center

11:45 - 12:45 pm

Lunch Break

12:45-2:15 pm

When Someone Living with Dementia Denies Pain, How Do You Respond?

Jeannine Forrest, PhD., R.N., Dementia Coach On-Call®



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Day 4 (Dec 5)

10:15 – 11:45 am

In the Works – Watch for Details!

Kristin Gustashaw MS RDN CSG LDN, Clinical Dietitian, Rush University Medical Center

11:45 -12:45 pm

Lunch Break

12:45 -2:15 pm

Living with Dementia Panel

Susan Frick, MSW, LSW, Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center