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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2,  
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 785**

February 9, 2016 - Offered by Representative ROHRKASTE.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 146.43 of the statutes; **relating to:** dementia specialist  
2 certification.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This substitute amendment creates a dementia specialist certification. No person may use the title “dementia specialist” or “certified dementia specialist” without the certification. If a person successfully completes an instructional program that provides the instruction specified in the substitute amendment, the instructional program administrator must certify that person as a dementia specialist.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

3 **SECTION 1.** 146.43 of the statutes is created to read:  
4 **146.43 Dementia specialist certification.** (1) INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM;  
5 CERTIFICATION. (a) If an instructional program provides instruction on all of the  
6 following, the program may offer a dementia specialist certification:

1           1. Understanding the signs and symptoms of the various forms of dementia and  
2 the possible variations in care needs among individuals affected by the various forms  
3 of dementia.

4           2. How to approach, observe, listen to, and communicate with, an individual  
5 with dementia.

6           3. Recognizing pain in an individual with dementia.

7           4. Skills and techniques for encouraging purposeful activities to provide  
8 holistic care intended to promote optimal life experiences for persons with dementia.

9           5. Understanding the needs of an individual with dementia, how to develop a  
10 trusting relationship within the challenges of the effects of dementia, and how to  
11 avoid and manage behaviors that may be harmful to the individual or others.

12          6. Communication skills necessary to communicate with coworkers,  
13 professionals, and families regarding individuals with dementia.

14          7. Skills necessary to effectively advocate for the needs and interests of persons  
15 with dementia.

16          8. Developing and using care plans to assist individuals with dementia in  
17 experiencing the highest possible quality of life.

18          9. Techniques for effective problem solving.

19          (b) An instructional program administrator who is offering a dementia  
20 specialist certification under par. (a) shall certify as a dementia specialist any person  
21 who successfully completes, under criteria established by the instructional program  
22 administrator, the instructional program described under par. (a).

