12VAC5-371-260. Staff development and inservice training.

A. All full-time, part-time and temporary personnel shall receive orientation to the facility commensurate with their function or job-specific responsibilities.

B. All resident care staff shall receive annual inservice training commensurate with their function or job-specific responsibilities in at least the following:

1. Special needs of residents as determined by the facility staff;

2. Prevention and control of infections;

3. Fire prevention or control and emergency preparedness;

4. Safety and accident prevention;

5. Restraint use, including alternatives to physical and chemical restraints;

6. Confidentiality of resident information;

7. Understanding the needs of the aged and disabled;

8. Resident rights, including personal rights, property rights and the protection of privacy, and procedures for handling complaints;

9. Care of the cognitively impaired;

10. Basic principles of cardiopulmonary resuscitation for licensed nursing staff and the Heimlich maneuver for nurse aides; and


C. The nursing facility shall have an ongoing training program that is planned and conducted for the development and improvement of skills of all personnel.

D. The nursing facility shall maintain written records indicating the content of and attendance at each orientation and inservice training program.

E. The nursing facility shall provide inservice programs, based on the outcome of annual performance evaluations, for nurse aides.

F. Nurse aide inservice training shall consist of at least 12 hours per anniversary year.
G. The nursing facility shall provide training on the requirements for reporting adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation and the consequences for failing to make such a required report to all its employees who are licensed to practice medicine or any of the healing arts, serving as a hospital resident or intern, engaged in the nursing profession, working as a social worker, mental health professional or law-enforcement officer and any other individual working with residents of the nursing facility.

Statutory Authority

§§32.1-12 and 32.1-127 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

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