

# Train-the-Trainer: New Jersey's Paid Dining Assistant Curriculum

WEBINAR

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**10 a.m. – 12 noon**

## **OVERVIEW:**

The New Jersey Department of Health approved a paid dining assistant curriculum for use by nursing homes in 2018, designed by a clinical team made up of members from NJHA, HCANJ and LeadingAge NJ for the implementation of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Federal Tag F-811 and 42 CFR 432.160. Federal regulations give each state the flexibility to allow nursing homes to use dining assistants to supplement the services of nursing staff if their use is consistent with state law, and if the dining assistants successfully complete a state-approved training program related to the use of paid dining assistants in nursing homes. Use of the term dining assistant, rather than feeding assistant is preferred, because it is a term that is more aligned with person-centered care and resident dignity.

This program is intended to train the primary instructors of paid dining assistants in nursing homes. The primary instructor must be a registered nurse with previous long-term care experience and a current New Jersey license. Ideally, the curriculum would be taught with other team members such as a registered dietitian, licensed physical, speech and/or occupational therapist, and/or a licensed social worker.

## **OBJECTIVE:**

- To be able to teach the paid dining assistant curriculum
- To understand the goals of the paid dining assistant program.

## **TARGET AUDIENCE:**

Nurses, dietitians, occupational therapists, speech language pathologists and others who will be involved in teaching the curriculum.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION:**

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