

What is Compassionate Touch®

Compassionate Touch® is an approach combining skilled touch and specialized communication shown to prevent stress reactions for people living with dementia and enhance quality of life for those in later stages of life. Through this program, care partners also enjoy the benefits of reduced stress and increase in job satisfaction that are associated with positive human connection.

Answering The Need

There is an urgent need to equip care partners with practical tools that create positive outcomes and empower them to achieve goals related to person-centered care. Compassionate Touch® is a holistic, personalized approach designed to ease physical and emotional distress while building strong relationships with care partners. It combines focused skilled touch with compassionate presence allowing care partners to connect with the person rather than the disease or condition.



Elevating Human Connection

Program Levels

To better support access to affordable, high quality training and community outreach programs, Compassionate Touch is available at two levels.

Foundational Level

Focused on building staff awareness and skill, this program is perfect for those looking into taking a next step into integrating person-centered practices into their organization's culture.

Advanced Level

For organizations looking to deepen their staff education and training program with a specific interest in skills to manage stress reactions. The advanced level also supports extending the program reach to families and the community at large as well as access to ATIs knowledge base for ongoing program enhancement.

Who Are Coaches?

- Executive Directors
- Clinical Supervisors
- Nursing Leaders
- Engagement Professionals
- Volunteer Coordinators

Our goal is to help create cutting-edge care by system-wide integration of Compassionate Touch. With a focus on empowering care partners, Compassionate Touch emphasizes giving both professional and family care partners a way to connect, calm and comfort. It brings together the world of science with the human side of care.

How It Works

Step One

Selected staff members engage in in-person or online training. Upon completion of training, staff members are designated as Compassionate Touch® Coaches and are authorized to implement the program in their community.

Step Two

Coaches offer Compassionate Touch® experiences to staff members and conduct family and community outreach education.

Step Three

AGE-u-cate® provides on-going support for Coaches throughout the license and subscription period. Depending on your subscription level, these benefits include:

- Customer Support
- Coach Connections and Educational Webinars
- Access to online Coach Resources
- Automated Staff Training Reports
- Additional Coach Trainings for new staff members
- Consultations with an AGE-u-cate Advisor
- Redemptions for REVEAL Aging one hour Training Courses

Provider Testimonials

"The simple yet effective techniques will help all our staff in caring for our residents and clients and helping our families to better engage with their loved ones. The Compassionate Touch program should be a part of every care team's training."
Kate D- Director of Business Development, Hospice Provider

"I offered Compassionate Touch to our Caregiver Support Group....The response was wonderful and everyone was elated that we offer this to residents...Everyone stated that they felt relaxed and could see how CT would help to connect with their loved ones." Kristi B.- Care Staff, Senior Living

"I strongly encourage facilities and organizations that care for persons with dementia to provide Compassionate Touch training for their employees." Charlotte B- DON

"Excellent materials and instruction, loved this training." Mary C- Education Specialist