

Training in Validation The Feil Method...

Some reasons this course might be for you:

You enjoy seeing the spark in people when you reach them and touch their humanity and your own.

You want to impact people with dementia in their struggles and bring the possibility of peace to them at this time in their lives.

You have concern for the families of those you care for and want to support them in connecting with their loved ones.

You want to reach the elderly with dementia who no longer can speak.

You welcome learning in a community that is supporting, challenging and inspiring.

And lastly, you may have experienced Naomi Feil in person, in her books or in her videos, and you ask yourself: What do I need to learn so I can do what she does?

About the Instructor

Steve Klotz CVT is a graduate of Lycoming College and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been employed with Country Meadows Retirement Communities since 1995, first as a facility chaplain and since 1999 as the Director of Chaplaincy Services. In June 2006 Steve was appointed Validation Director, Country Meadows. He is a VTI Certified Validation Teacher and has studied under Naomi Feil, M.S.W., A.C.S.W., and Vicki de Klerk-Rubin, the European Manager of the Validation Training Institute. Steve has taught and presented workshops on Validation to classes and groups in Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Colorado, Kansas, and Illinois. Most recently he taught a Validation Worker Course at Montefiore Jewish Home in Cleveland, served as keynote speaker at the Colorado Culture Change Coalition in Denver and trained staff at Presbyterian Manor of the Plains in Dodge City, Kansas. Steve has published articles on Validation in *Leadership*, a national journal for church leaders and in *Center Sage*, a newsletter for Older Adult Ministries in the United Methodist Church.



**Validation
The Feil Method**

**Breaking Through
the Barrier of
Dementia**

Coming to the Twin Cities

**Training course
in Validation
The Feil Method**

October 2007- June 2008

What is validation? Validation is a tested method of communication with elderly disoriented people that helps reduce stress, enhance dignity and happiness. It is accepting the feelings of another person and reaching out to them with empathy.

Who needs validation? Individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's and related disorders who are disoriented in the later stages of life.

Who is Naomi Feil? Naomi Feil, M.S., A.C.S.W., is the developer of Validation. After graduating with a Masters in Social Work from Columbia, she began working with the elderly. Between 1963 and 1980, Naomi developed Validation as a response to her dissatisfaction with traditional methods of working with severely disoriented old-old people. Today there are training centers for Validation in Austria, Belgium, France, German, Japan Switzerland, Sweden and the United States. **This Validation certification training course is the first to be held in the upper Midwest.**

**All sessions are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Elder Homestead
Volunteers of America
11400 4th St. No.
Minnetonka, MN 55343**

Certified Validation Worker Course Requirements to be certified

Attend all 5 blocks

Practice validation techniques a minimum of one time a week between blocks

Pass a written and practical test, Block 5

Block One: October 1, 2, 2007

Basic Validation Theory and Beliefs, Stages and Techniques, Erickson's Stages and Stage One: Malorientation. How to begin with Validation. Assignments with Stage One clients

Block Two: November 29, 30, 2007

Stage Two: Time Confusion with demonstration and practice. Discussion of experiences. Assignments with Stage Two Clients

Block Three: February 4, 5, 2008

Stage Three: Repetitive Motion with demonstration and practice. Discussion of experiences. Assignments with Stage Three Clients.

Block Four: April 7, 8, 2008

Stage Four: Vegetation with demonstration and practice. Discussion of experiences. Assignments with Stage Four Clients.

Block Five: June 5, 6, 2008

Written test and practical demonstration of Individual Validation

Registration

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Home phone

Work phone

Email address

Profession

Registration fee: \$400 for the full course including lunches

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