



## **Stockton Center on Successful Aging Offers Seminar on New Guidelines in Defining Cognitive Changes in Late Adulthood**

Oct. 4 Session for Professionals at Manahawkin Instructional Site

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**Galloway Township, NJ** – The Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA) will present a professional seminar on the new diagnostic criteria featured in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) as well as the terminology used by the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the Alzheimer's Association in defining cognitive changes in older adults.

New Guidelines in Defining Cognitive Changes in Late Adulthood is scheduled for **Friday, Oct. 4** from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Stockton Manahawkin Instructional Site, 712 East Bay Ave, Suite 20, Manahawkin, NJ 08050. (609) - 626-3883.

The presenter, Dr. Gayda-Chelder earned a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology with a subspecialty in Neuropsychology from Drexel University. She is a New Jersey licensed psychologist in private practice specializing in health psychology and neuropsychological assessment. She began teaching at Stockton in 1998 as an adjunct instructor and is now assistant professor of Psychology. Her areas of research include the early detection of dementia and cognitive enhancement among older adults.

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The purpose of the program is to address the gaps in knowledge about the new DSM-5 guidelines for patients with neurocognitive disorders and the implications for diagnosis, research, and working with patients and their families.

Objectives include: Discussing what is known about cognition in late adulthood from medical, genetic, and neurocognitive research; describing the new DSM-5 criteria for diagnosing both minor and major neurocognitive disorders; summarizing the terminology proposed by NIA and the Alzheimer's Association; and explaining how to apply the newly developed diagnostic criteria in helping patients and families.

Cost for the seminar, designed for professionals, paraprofessionals, and other caregivers who work with older adults is \$35.00 and includes lunch (12-12:30 registration & light lunch, 12:30-3 lecture & discussion). Upon completion, participants will receive 2 CEs for social workers, marriage & family therapists, and licensed professional counselors. This workshop is approved for 2.5 Nursing Contact Hours.

The Richard Stockton College of NJ is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by New Jersey State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. P#P288-1/13/16.

The Richard Stockton College is an approved provider of Social Work continuing education credits.

Online advanced registration is required by 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27 and can be accessed via the SCOSA website at [www.stockton.edu/scosa](http://www.stockton.edu/scosa). For registration assistance only, call (609) 652-4227. For seminar information, contact David Burdick at (609) 652-4311 or [David.Burdick@stockton.edu](mailto:David.Burdick@stockton.edu). For updates and cancellation procedures, visit the web site: [stockton.edu/scosa](http://stockton.edu/scosa)

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