Oregon regulates and requires an indorsement as a condition of licensure for Memory Care Communities (formerly known as Alzheimer’s Care Units) in nursing homes, residential care facilities, and assisted living facilities, and has special training requirements for staff in these facilities. Memory Care Communities’ direct care staff and other community staff must be specially trained to work with residents with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias. Specifically, they must understand the unique emotional and health needs of residents with Alzheimer's disease or dementia. The training must be documented and must, in some way, verify staff’s understanding and knowledge. Training topics must include those in “Table 1,” which provides, in part, that can be found at that direct care staff must have four (4) hours of annual in-service training. (A link to Table 1 is provided in the Oregon laws tab.) In addition, administrators in Memory Care Communities must complete 10 hours of annual continuing education relating to caring for residents with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia.

By statute, Oregon also requires a “special indorsement” for residential care, adult foster homes, and hospice programs with Alzheimer’s care units.

Nursing Facilities

Oregon regulation addresses training for employees and certified nursing assistants in nursing facilities. Certified nursing assistants must have at least three (3) hours of training each calendar quarter. Required training topics include training in Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, including recognition of symptoms, treatments, and behavioral management. Dining assistants must receive 16 hours of training covering many topics including assisting residents with dementia.

Residential Care and Assisted Living Facilities

Oregon regulation sets forth the staff training requirements for residential care and assisted living facilities. Knowledge and performance must be demonstrated in enumerated areas, including
understanding and providing support for residents with dementia. In addition, direct caregivers must complete a minimum of 12 hours of in-service training annually.

**Adult Foster Homes**

This regulation pertains to training requirements for staff of adult foster homes, and while it does not provide any dementia-specific training requirements, it does permit the use of “shift caregivers” for specific resident populations (including residents with dementia) who must meet the training requirements of the licensure classification.

**Law enforcement**

This statute, new in 2014, requires law enforcement to adopt written policies relating to missing vulnerable adults. In addition, policies adopted under the act may include standards and minimum requirements for training law enforcement personnel to interact appropriately and effectively with individuals with cognitive impairment, including, but not limited to, dementia, intellectual and developmental disabilities and brain injuries.