

# DRAKE MEDOX COLLEGE

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## SEPTEMBER IS WORLD ALZHEIMER'S MONTH

This year's theme is 'Know Dementia, Know Alzheimer's'

World Alzheimer's Month brings together people living with dementia, their caregivers and family, care and medical professionals, researchers and scientists, innovators and entrepreneurs, the media and more, from all around the world.

Each year has a key message or theme, which can be used to raise awareness, educate or challenge people's misconceptions about dementia. September provides an opportunity for Alzheimer and dementia associations around the world to gain recognition and credibility for the work they do, placing themselves in a stronger position to influence opinion leaders and governments.

Every person is unique and dementia effects every individual differently, with no two people experiencing symptoms in exactly the same way. **Dementia is not a part of normal aging.**

**Symptoms also vary by type of dementia, with Alzheimer's disease being the most common type of dementia.**

10 of the most common warning signs are:

1. Memory loss
2. Difficulty performing familiar tasks
3. Problems with language
4. Disorientation to time and place
5. Poor or decreased judgement
6. Problems keeping track of things
7. Misplacing things
8. Changes in mood and behaviour
9. Challenges understanding visual and spatial information
10. Withdrawal from work or social activities



Source: <https://www.alzint.org/get-involved/world-alzheimers-month/frequently-asked-questions/>

**Shout out to all the amazing HCAs who provide care and support to those living with Alzheimer's & Dementia.**

## MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATE

*"I learned a lot of new things in the Medication Administration Course, and I believe it gave me an edge and greater sense of confidence when I recently applied for a JOB. The employer was very pleased to learn that I was already certified in administering medications."*

J. WRIGHT - June 2022 MAC Graduate



**CALL 604-629-0196**  
**To reserve your seat**  
**in our next cohort on**  
**October 1st**

## "THE BEST DECISION..."

Dear Myrine and Drake Medox College,

Thank you so much for your support throughout my journey to becoming an HCA, for always being there, and for selflessly giving me your time no matter how busy you are.

Please know that you are much appreciated and I am forever grateful that you patiently waited for me to make up my mind to decide when to enroll. It was the **best decision** I've made!

Marina Ferolin.

HCA Graduate



## ORANGE SHIRT DAY

The **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**, also known as **Orange Shirt Day** in Canada recognizes and commemorates the Residential School experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation.

The annual **Orange Shirt Day on September 30th** opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools and is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about their effects and the legacy they have left behind.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies. It is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools, and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.



**WEAR ORANGE TO SCHOOL ON SEPT 30TH**

source: <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/about-us.html>

## GRADUATION CEREMONY ON OCTOBER 28

If you finished your program between April 1 and July 31, 2022, then you are cordially invited to attend the Graduation Ceremony on October 28th, Friday at the Italian Cultural Center in Vancouver.

Deadline to RSVP is on Sept. 9th. Please email [rsvpgrad2022@gmail.com](mailto:rsvpgrad2022@gmail.com).



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