

Medication Administration

State-Approved Training Course

CLASS DESCRIPTION:

This class will provide the necessary information and skills to prepare the student to become a state certified medication aide and work in health care facilities, where he/she will assist nurses in providing medications and patient care. The class will cover basic medication administration concepts, health care team responsibilities in medication administration, legal and ethical aspects, drug effects on systems of the body, professionalism, communication skills, anatomy and physiology related to medication administration, safety and infection control, first aid and emergency care, common medication administration problems, special care concerns, and other health care topics. Medication aides perform basic nursing functions under the supervision of a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse. The Medication Aide Training course is required by law for anyone wishing to work as a medication aide in a long-term care facility. As soon as possible, following completion of training, the student is scheduled to take the state medication aide examination.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND/OR PRE-REQUISITES:

- Must have current CNA certificate
- Be able to read, write and comprehend English.
- Be at least 18 years old.
- Provide letter on letterhead from the student's current employer (see Note 1 below)
- High school diploma or G.E.D.
- Immunizations (see Note 2 below)
- Texas state background check (see Note 2 below)
- Drug screen (see Note 2 below)

VERY IMPORTANT: Must be currently employed in a nursing home in the capacity of a certified nurse aide.

CLASS/SECTION NUMBER: NURA 1013

DATE/S CLASS OFFERED:

Section Meets

31 February 9- May 27, 2010 (Spring Break 3/8-3/12= No Class)

DAYS/HOURS CLASS IS TAUGHT: Tuesday and Thursday evenings 5 – 9 p.m.

CLASSROOM LOCATION: Health Careers Building, Room TBA

COST OF CLASS: \$325 plus supplies, and \$25 state testing fee

CLASS REQUIREMENTS/NOTES:

NOTE 1: Prior to entering any health care class in the Health and Human Services Continuing Education department, all health care students will be required to show proof of immunization against Hepatitis B, varicella, measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria/tetanus, and proof of tuberculosis skin test or chest x-ray. In addition to the immunization requirements, the student must provide results of a drug screen and a criminal background check. Call (254) 299-8888, or e-mail jsims@mclennan.edu for more information on these requirements.

NOTE 2: Student must provide a permission letter on organizational letterhead paper from a nursing home to perform clinical observation at their site.

NOTE 3: If student is pregnant, she must have written permission from her physician indicating she may participate in class, and is capable of lifting at least 30 pounds.

For additional information, please call (254) 299-8888 or e-mail jsims@mclennan.edu