

MEDICATION ASSISTANT



Program Code 30-510-5
Expected Program Costs: \$900
Median Annual Salary: \$22,000

OVERVIEW

Participation in this program requires current employment as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) in a nursing home or long-term care facility and sponsorship by the employer to participate in the program.

The Medication Assistant program prepares students with the necessary education and training for qualified certified nursing assistants to follow standard practices for administering medications in long-term care or nursing homes facilities.

Note: A prerequisite for this program is that students will be certified nursing assistants in good standing on the state and federal nurse aide registries.

The Medication Assistant program is offered at the Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids campuses. Courses are scheduled when a sufficient number of eligible students and sponsoring long-term care facilities have committed to participate in the program.

PROGRAM OUTCOME

Employers will expect you, as a Medication Assistant graduate, to be able to:

- Demonstrate skills and behaviors that indicate knowledge of medications and standard practices of administration

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

To apply to the Medication Assistant program, please complete the following steps and submit documents to the MSTC Admissions Office:

Step 1:

1. Complete an MSTC application form and return it with the \$30 non-refundable application fee.
2. Complete the Accuplacer or ACT test. Minimum scores required:
 - Reading-Accuplacer score of 55
 - Sentence Skills-Accuplacer score of 60
 - Math-Accuplacer score of 34
 - ACT equivalents for above scores are acceptable.If a student does not meet the required test scores, they may retest or complete an identified structured course(s) in the Academic Support Center.
3. Must be at least 18 years of age.
4. Submit an official copy of all academic transcripts, including high school, college or university and HSED/GED.

5. Pay a \$750 fee through a contracted services agreement with the sponsoring facility.
 6. Provide verification of current status on the Wisconsin nurse aide registry.
 7. Provide verification of current status on the federal nurse aide registry.
 8. Provide documentation of at least 2,000 hours of experience in direct patient care within the last three years.
 9. Provide documentation of having worked a minimum of 40 hours, within the last 90 days, with the residents to whom the student will be administering medications.
 10. Complete a Background Information Disclosure (BID) form and submit \$15 for Caregiver Background check. The Wisconsin Caregiver Law requires a background check. This form is available at <http://www.mstc.edu/pdf/BIDform.pdf>.
When the requirements for Step 1 are completed, the student will be conditionally admitted to the program.
- ### Step 2:
- To be eligible to enroll in the N/A Medication Assistant core course 30510316, complete the following requirements:
1. Complete Intro to Reading and Study Skills Course with a grade of "C" or better, an Accuplacer Reading score of 67 or higher, or ACT equivalent.
 2. Complete Written Communication with a grade of "C" or better, an Accuplacer Sentence Skills score of 85 or higher, or ACT equivalent.
 3. Complete College Mathematics with a grade of "C" or better, an Accuplacer Math score of 67 or higher, or ACT equivalent.
 4. Complete the admissions packet available from Service & Health Division support staff which includes:
 - Wisconsin Technical College System Application for Consideration for Admission N/A Medication Assistant
 - Written recommendation of the director of nursing and administrator of the agency in which the student will be working during the clinical experience
 - Written recommendation of two licensed charge nurses under whose licenses the aide will be administering medications
 5. Complete the Intent to Enroll form and submit proof of all requirements to MSTC Admissions Office.

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**PROGRAM COURSE
DESCRIPTION**

30510316 // 3 credits

N/A Medication Assistant

Course completers will: follow standard practices of infection control, use drug references to access information, follow medication orders, document medication-related information, assist with storage and stocking of medications, report effects of drugs on residents, set up drugs for med pass and administer medications.

CURRICULUM		
30510316	N/A Medication Assistant	3 credits