

# Medication Assistant

## Technical Diploma

### 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 Nursing Assistant Registries.

**The Medication Assistant program is offered at the Wisconsin Rapids campus.**



### 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 Procedures

To apply to the Medication Assistant program, contact the Service & Health Division for an Admissions Packet.

1. Through a contracted service agreement with the sponsoring facility, the cost for each program participant will be \$750.00
2. Completed Background Information Disclosure (BID) Form
3. Wisconsin's Caregiver Law (1997 WISCONSIN ACT 27) requires all students have a Caregiver Background Check (non-refundable \$10.00 fee). Based upon results of the criminal background check, a student may be denied access to clinical agencies and thus would not be able to complete the program or be employed in healthcare. Also, clinical agencies will be notified of all students with pending charges and convictions and agencies can decline student admission to that agency. For the most current information on the Caregiver Law, visit [www.dhfs.state.wi.us](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us)
4. Be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalency
5. Be on the State of Wisconsin Nurse Aide Registry with current Federal eligibility
6. Have at least 2000 hours experience in direct patient care within the last three years
7. Have worked a minimum of 40 hours (within the last 90 days) with the residents to whom the student will be administering medications
8. Be recommended, in writing, by the director of nursing and the administrator of the agency in which the student will be working during the clinical experience
9. Be recommended, in writing, by two licensed charge nurses, one of whom must be a registered nurse
10. Wisconsin Technical College System Application for Consideration for Admission NA/Medication Assistant
11. WTCS application form and \$30 non-refundable application fee

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### Credit for Prior Learning

Credit for Prior Learning is available for certain courses in the form of high school advanced standing and transcribed courses, transfer credit, test credit and experiential credit. Please contact an MSTC counselor with any questions you may regarding this option.

### Functional Abilities

A list of specific physical, emotional and mental tasks needed to function as a healthcare provider is available in Student Affairs Offices or by contacting the Service & Health Support Staff. It is your responsibility to notify the disability services coordinator in Student Affairs to receive assistance.

### Clinical Related Requirements

Successful completion of this program requires a clinical experience. Prior to beginning a clinical experience in a healthcare facility, students must:

- a) Purchase liability insurance through MSTC
- b) Provide evidence of competency in blood pressure and vital sign assessments

### Program Course Description

**30510316**

**N/A Medication Assistant** **3 credits**

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

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#### Please note:

- The Medication Assistant program is offered during the summer months by contract.