

This 120 hour course, Basic Medication Administration Skills, prepares Unlicensed Assistive Personnel for the task of medication administration.

Upon successful completion of the course students may apply to take the Arkansas State Board certification exam. Completion of the course does not guarantee admission to take the state board certification exam.

HSC 1008 Medication Assistant

Minimum Required: 8 Credit Hours



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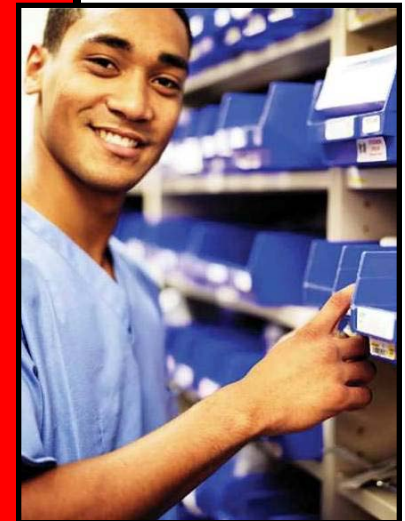
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Medication Assistant Program

**In
Nursing Homes
in Arkansas**



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Who is a medication assistant – Certified (MA-C)

A MA-C is a certified nursing assistant who is currently employed in a nursing home, has worked there for at least one continuous year full-time, and is in good standing on the state's certified nurse aide registry. The MA-C has successfully completed a medication assistant training program and has passed a Board approved certification examination.



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Work Settings:

The MA-C can only administer medications in nursing homes in Arkansas. Nursing homes who utilize MACs must notify the Board. It is not mandatory that nursing homes utilize MA-Cs, only optional.

Training Programs:

Content includes a minimum of 45 hours of theory and 55 hours of clinical experience (15 hours in skills lab and 40 hours of supervised progressive experience giving medications in the nursing home setting). Offered through nursing education programs.

Certification:

Renewed every two years
Requires 8 contact hours of continuing education related to medications.

Endorsement:

A medication assistant may be endorsed from another state, IF the applicant meets the qualifications of MA-Cs in Arkansas

Scope of Work:

To perform the delegated function of medication administration and related tasks under the supervision of a licensed nurse. A licensed nurse can supervise no more than two MA-Cs at any one time.

Duties of a MA-C:

Administer non-prescription and legend drugs by the approved medication routes, when delegated by a licensed nurse, to no more than 40 patients during a shift.
Document medications administered.

Approved Medication Routes:

Oral, topical; eye, ear, and nose drops; vaginal, rectal, transdermal and oral inhalers.

