



Health/Long-Term Care

Medication Aide CHLT-4000, CHLT-4005 (Hybrid)

The purpose of this 60-hour course is to prepare individuals to safely administer non-parenteral medications in agencies/facilities licensed by the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA). With a strong emphasis on safe administration practices, students are provided with classroom, laboratory, and clinical experiences to assist in achieving the course competencies. By the end of the course, students will have the opportunity to take the Medication Aide State Exam to earn a certification in the state of Iowa.

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Course List:

NA

Delivery Method:

Classroom, Hybrid

Length of Program and CEU Credits:

46 hours, 5.52 CEUs

Entrance Requirements/Prerequisites:

Prospective students must be 18 years of age or older at the time of registration. The applicant must be drug free and working in an agency/facility that is licensed by the Iowa DIA. If employed as a certified nursing aide at a long-term care facility, the applicant must be employed for at least six months by the facility sponsor, currently eligible on the Iowa Nurse Aide Registry, and provide a letter of recommendation from the administrator in the facility in which they are employed. If employed in a residential or related type of agency licensed by the Iowa DIA, applicants must provide a letter of recommendation from the administrator in the facility in which they are employed. The list of agencies/facilities licensed by the Iowa DIA include the following: Long Term Care (LTC), Assisted Living Programs (ALP), Residential Care Facilities

(RCF), Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF), Intermediate Care Facilities for the Intellectually Disabled (ICF-10), Psychiatric Medical Institutions for Children (PMIC), Psychiatric Medical Institutions (PMI).

Other Items to Know About this Course:

Students must purchase the following textbook: "Mosby's Textbook for Medication Aides" (ISBN 978-023-04687-9). The clinic portion of the program must be facilitated by an RN working in the sponsoring facility.

Program Completion Requirements:

This is a pass/fail course. Students must attend 100 percent of the classroom, lab, and clinic sessions and score 80 percent or greater on the state exam to pass and earn certification.

Industry Credentials Earned:

Medication Aide Certification

Pathway to Credit Program:

None

Tuition Assistance:

Yes

Course Objectives:

- Understand the scope of practice for a Medication Aide.
- Gain a basic understanding of pharmacology and medication safety.
- Know and practice the six rights of medication administration.
- Identify the different routes for medication administration as well as the effects of each route. Gain an understanding of body structure, functions, and classification methods for each body system.

Learning Outcomes:

Students completing this course will have the skills and knowledge to safely administer non-parenteral medications to patients in institutions licensed by the Iowa DIA, such as Long Term Care, Residential Care Facilities, and Assisted Living Programs.

Careers:

Source: Career Coach 2018, Kirkwood Community College region.

Healthcare Support Workers, All Other

Average hourly earnings: \$20.10

Starting hourly earnings: \$13.61

Projected job openings (2018 – 2023): 118

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