

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION
HEALTHCARE SERVICES
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I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Course Number: HLTH 1040
Course Title: Medication Aide
Prerequisite(s): Student must be 18 years old

Catalog Description: This course prepares participants to assume the role of medication aide in an assisted living and long-term care facility in the State of Nebraska. Successful completion of this course and the state written exam allows you to apply to the state of Nebraska to be placed on the Medication Aide Registry.

Credit Hours: 2.5
Class Hours: 23
Lab Hours: 45
Total Contact Hours: 68

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES: *Course will:*

1. Prepares the student to be competent in meeting state requirements to become a Medication Aide.
2. Identifies the need for maintaining proper documentation of the administration of both prescription and nonprescription drugs.
3. Develops understanding of safe administration of medications according to written physician's orders.
4. Develops understanding of the drug classifications and how they affect each of the body systems.
5. Understanding of the responsibilities and limitations of the medication aide while working under the supervision of a licensed nurse.
6. Identifies essential components of communication and teamwork in healthcare specific to the role of medication aide.

Note: Unit objectives are located in the learning management system within each unit of study.

III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES AND GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES:

A. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: *The student will be able to:*

1. Demonstrate basic competencies required to safely administer medications orally and topically; by respiratory inhalation; and instillation in the eyes, ears and nose
2. Perform additional skills needed to support medication administration
3. Define key terms utilized in the administration of medications
4. Explain how a medication is absorbed, metabolized, and excreted from the body
5. Discuss factors which can affect how medications are used in the body
6. Describe the Medication Aide role in recognizing, recording and reporting allergic reactions to medications
7. List the actions of specific drugs

B. GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES

GELO #6: Career and Life Skills

Outcome: Develop knowledge and habits that will foster physical, emotional, social, spiritual, intellectual, and environmental wellness.

IV. CONTENT/TOPICAL OUTLINE (*course outline may provide more detailed information*)

A. UNITS: including structure and function, Age related changes, Common disorders, and the effect on each body system

1. Introduction
 - a. Basic Competencies for Medication Administration
 - b. How medications are used with in the body
 - c. Polypharmacy
 - d. Drug families
2. Musculoskeletal System
3. Skin and Mucous Membranes
4. Urinary System
5. Circulatory System
6. Respiratory System
7. Nervous System
8. Digestive System
9. Digestive System
10. Endocrine and Reproductive System
11. Eyes and Ears

V. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS REQUIRED

A. Required Text(s):

“Medication Aide Training Student Manual” by Nebraska Health Care Association, Lincoln NE
(current edition)

VI. METHODS OF PRESENTATION/INSTRUCTION

A. Methods of presentation typically include a combination of the following:

1. Lecture
2. Demonstrations
3. Skill practice and check offs
4. Exams and assignments
5. Videos
6. Worksheets
7. Handout Materials
8. Class participation/presentation/activities
9. Case studies and group work
10. Internet resources
11. Games
12. Guest presenters

VII. METHODS OF EVALUATION

- A.** Methods of evaluation typically include a combination of assignments, quizzes, exam, skill checkoffs, etc.
- B.** For grading expectations please see the course information document.

SCC STANDARD GRADING SCALE POLICY:

A+	95-100	C+	75-79
A	90-94	C	70-74
B+	85-89	D+	65-69
B	80-84	D	60-64
		F	Below 60

VIII. SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. STATE COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS TO BE PLACED ON THE STATE REGISTRY

Successfully complete a 40-hour course by passing specific competency standards required by the state of Nebraska including: confidentiality, right to refusal, infection control, proper documentation, providing medication according to the 5 rights, following and understanding directions, safe practices of medication administration, complying with limitations and conditions, and knowledge of abuse and neglect reporting requirements.

Documentation of the course completion and successful passing of the state examination are needed to be placed on the state registry.

B. ATTENDANCE

Attendance is crucial to the success of this course. Any class missed could mean valuable missed information, which is difficult to obtain. Please notify the instructor of any pending absences or tardiness. Multiple absences may result in failing the course.

Please see course information document for course policies related to grading, expectations, assignments, assessments, and participation.