



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 4723-27-08 Standard curriculum for medication aide programs.

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(A) The curriculum for a training program for certified medication aides shall be the standard curriculum set forth in paragraph (C) of this rule, and shall include all of the following:

(1) Program objectives and outcomes, course objectives or outcomes, teaching strategies, and core competencies or other evaluation methods that are:

(a) Consistent with the law and rules applicable to certified medication aides, as set forth in Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code and this chapter;

(b) Internally consistent;

(c) Implemented as written; and

(d) Made available to students in medication aide training programs;

(2) A curriculum plan showing the sequence of courses, laboratory experiences, and the number of clock hours allotted to instruction and laboratory experience related to medication administration;

(3) Students must complete the didactic and laboratory component prior to participating in the supervised clinical component of the certified medication aide training program.

(B) The standard curriculum for certified medication aides shall include courses, content, and expected outcomes, relative to the defined role of the certified medication aide, in the following areas :

(1) The standards of safe medication administration by a certified medication aide, rule 4723-27-02 of the Administrative Code:



- (2) Communication and interpersonal skills;
- (3) Resident rights related to medication administration, including the right of a resident to refuse medications;
- (4) The six rights of medication administration, including:
  - (a) The right person;
  - (b) The right drug;
  - (c) The right dose;
  - (d) The right time;
  - (e) The right route; and
  - (f) The right documentation.
- (5) Drug terminology, storage and disposal, including:
  - (a) Medical terminology, symbols, accepted abbreviations;
  - (b) Dosage measurement;
  - (c) Reference resources;
  - (d) Principles of safe medication storage and disposal.
- (6) Basic pharmacology, drug classifications and medications affecting body systems, including:
  - (a) Purposes of various medications;



(b) Schedule II, III, IV, and V controlled substances.

(7) Safe administration of medications, including:

(a) Oral medications;

(b) Topical medications;

(c) Eye, ear, and nose medications;

(d) Vaginal medications;

(e) Rectal medications;

(f) Oral inhalants;

(g) Transdermal medications;

(h) Proper resident positioning;

(i) Measurement of apical pulse and blood pressure in association with routine medication administration.

(8) Principles of standard precautions including those set forth in Chapter 4723-20 of the Administrative Code;

(9) Documentation of medications in residents' clinical records.

(C) The supervised clinical practice component of an approved medication aide training program shall be sufficient to assure that students are prepared to administer medications as a certified medication aide in a safe and effective manner, and shall satisfy the following:

(1) The supervised clinical practice component shall consist of not less than sixteen hours in the



administration of medication, and shall be conducted under the direction and supervision of a nurse.

(2) The supervised clinical practice component shall take place in a nursing home or residential care facility with which the training program has a written agreement to provide nurse supervision of the student in accordance with this rule;

(3) While engaged in medication administration, a student shall be under the one-on-one direction and supervision of a nurse.

(4) During the supervised clinical practice, the nurse supervising the medication aide student shall inform the registered nurse program administrator of the student's progress in the supervised clinical practice.