

FACT SHEET

NAME OF PROGRAM: Kentucky Medication Aide (KMA)

LOCATION: Leestown campus

DATE FORM COMPLETED: 09/29/10

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this course is to prepare a Medicaid Nurse Aide to administer specific medications in a long-term care facility, as delegated and supervised by a licensed nurse. Additional duties that the employer may delegate are not covered in this course (KRS314.011 and 201KAR 20:400 Section 2)

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WHEN STUDENTS CAN ENROLL IN THE COURSE:

SPRING, FALL

Course is 105 hours with 40 hours of the course in a clinical setting administering medications

ENROLLMENT IN THE COURSE:

Student Qualifications:

1. Any one of the following:

High school diploma

G.E.D.

Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) or comparable test and score at tenth grade level in reading and math

Compass test and score of 34 or above in Math and a 76 or above in reading ACT test and score of 16 or above

2. And must have: a minimum of six months of work experience as a nurse aide in a health care facility within the last two years. Verification is required.
3. For those nurse aides employed in health care facilities that may be exempt from OBRA nurse aide testing and training requirements, it is recommended that they meet all qualifications of the OBRA regulations prior to enrolling in the medication aide class.

To set up an appointment to discuss the course: Call 859-246-6723

Challenge Examination for the Kentucky Medication Aide

1. The following individuals may challenge the course:
 - A. Individuals who have successfully completed the second semester of NRS, NPN, or NIP courses in the practical nursing program, second semester of an associate degree nursing program and can provide documentation of successful completion of a pharmacology course and associated lab/clinical, or attained senior standing in a baccalaureate nursing program and provide documentation of successful completion of a pharmacology course and associated lab/clinical. The examination must be scheduled within one year of the completion of the last nursing course.
 - B. Individuals who have successfully completed a professional or practical nursing program, but have not passed the NCLEX RN or NCLEX PN.
2. Individuals who challenge the medication aide exam must take the Medicaid nurse aide exam and be placed on the registry within 4 months of employment.
3. Individuals who hold medication aide certificates from another state may take the KMA challenge exam after being placed on the Kentucky Nurse Aide registry by exam or reciprocity. Individuals must also present documentation they are in good standing as a medication aide from another state. Individuals must also present documentation of 6 months of work experience as a nurse aide in a health care facility within the last two years. Students may qualify to challenge under the exceptions in item 3 under “students qualification.”
4. The challenge exam shall be administered under the auspices of the Kentucky community college and technical Systems, (KCTCS).

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