

## **Kentucky Medication Aide Course Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of the course, the individual shall demonstrate minimal entry level competency necessary to safely administer medications in a long term care facility.

1. Define the role of the Medication Aide as it relates to the health care team.
2. Identify legal and ethical responsibilities.
3. Demonstrate an awareness of legal implications in drug administration.
4. Demonstrate the ability to correctly interpret symbols, common abbreviations, and terminology used in administration of medications.
5. Acquire and apply basic knowledge of medications, their actions, uses, and desired and adverse effects.
6. Demonstrate knowledge of proper methods for drug storage, and procedures of ordering, receiving, disposing, and crediting drugs.
7. Identify correct procedures and responsibilities relative to drug expiration date and automatic stop orders.
8. Demonstrate the correct procedures for preparing and recording medications administered, refused, or withheld.
9. Describe the structure and function of the human body, commonly occurring conditions, and the relationship of drug effects of each system.
10. Demonstrate knowledge of the changes involved in the aging processes and the needs of the long term care resident.
11. Demonstrate an awareness of both expected and adverse effects of drugs most commonly prescribed for the long term care resident.
12. Demonstrate competency in measuring and reporting of vital signs.
13. Perform accurately and safely the techniques and procedures involved in administering medications within the prescribed scope of practice.