

Fort Scott Community College

Requirements

Certified Medication Aide

The medication aide program in Kansas is administered by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, Health Occupations Credentialing (HOC) and includes a 75-hour course and test. Upon successful completion of the course and test, the person's certification as a medication aide will be identified on the Kansas Nurse Aide Registry.

Interested students must meet the following qualifications:

Be at least 18 years of age;

AND

1) Be listed on the Kansas Nurse Aide Registry with no pending or current prohibitions*;

OR

2) Be a Qualified Intellectual Disability Professional (QIDP) who can provide verification of employment as a QIDP.

* Incoming Nurse Aides must be screened and tested for reading comprehension at an eighth grade level prior to enrolling in the course. QIDPs have already met this state requirement.

Required Coursework

ALH 1234 Medication Aide4 hours

To continue being eligible for employment, the Medication Aide must successfully complete a 10-hour continuing education course as described in regulation, every two years. If the medication aide fails to complete the continuing education course during the two years that the medication aide is certified, the medication aide may complete the continuing education course within one year of the eligibility. After that, the aide must successfully complete the 75-hour course and test to regain employment eligibility.

The training regulations for medication aides include K.A.R. 26-50-30 through 26-50-40. The regulations may be downloaded from the KDADS Website. Instructors should be sure students know how to access the website, regulations and resources.