

# Trained Medication Aid Certificate

Certificate (C303)

## Required Courses

PNUR 1125 Medication Administration Skills Lab .....	1 cr
PNUR 1130 Life Span.....	1 cr
PNUR 1134 Pharmacology .....	1 cr
PNUR 1138 Medical Terminology .....	1 cr
PNUR 1140 Medication Calculations for Healthcare Professionals .....	1 cr

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENT - 5 CREDITS

## Description

The Trained Medication Aide Certificate will prepare students for employment in long-term care and assistive living facilities. Skills are demonstrated in a supervised laboratory setting. This certificate prepares students to safely administer medication, become knowledgeable in healthcare terminology, and understand the stages of development across a life span. Certificate requirements allow the student to have completed course work towards the Practical Nursing Diploma Program.

## Outcomes

By completing this program, students will achieve the following learning outcomes:

- Demonstrate safe medication administration practices;
- Demonstrate knowledge of medication terminology and abbreviations;
- Demonstrate knowledge of medication classifications, actions in the body, and safe patient monitoring;
- Demonstrate competency in skills to administer medications within the scope of a Trained Medication Aid;
- Demonstrate knowledge in growth and development through the stage of the human life span; and
- Demonstrate effective verbal and non-verbal communication skills with patients and the healthcare team.

## Pre-Program Requirements

Any person who has direct contact with patients and residents at health care facilities licensed by the Minnesota Department of Health must complete the Health Care Provider or Professional Rescuer CPR Certificate, and a cleared criminal background check. Results of the study are to be on file in the Department of Nursing before students begin their clinical experiences. Any student who does not pass the criminal background check will not be permitted to participate in clinical experiences, thereby rendering the individual ineligible to progress in the Practical Nursing Program.

- Drug testing is required.
- Immunization documentation is required.

Some courses may require students to meet College Placement Levels in reading, writing, and/or math. See an advisor for more information.

For insurance purposes, internships may require that students be 18 years old.

## Graduation Requirements

In addition to the program requirements, students must meet the following conditions in order to graduate:

- College Cumulative GPA Requirement: cumulative grade point average (GPA) of credits attempted and completed at CLC must be at least 2.0;
- Residency Requirement: students must complete 25% of their credits at Central Lakes College;
- Students must achieve a grade of B- or better in all Practical Nursing (PNUR) courses.

## Career & Transfer

A Trained Medication Aid works under the direction of a Registered Nurse administer medications to residents in long-term care facilities.