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## MEDICATION AIDE

**Length:** Five (5) credit hours

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**Purpose:** The Medication Aide courses are designed to prepare students for full-time employment as a medication aide.

**Occupational Objective:** Prepares students to safely administer, or to assist in client self-administration of medications in specific settings. Includes practice.

**Admissions Requirements:** Students must meet the general requirements of the College, be in good health and capable of strenuous lifting. Placement testing is not required. Students must submit a separate application to the nursing department for evaluation. Students must:

1. Submit an application to PDCCC
2. Submit a separate online application to the nursing department for the Med Aid Program
3. Have and maintain an overall 2.0 GPA
4. Submit official High School Transcript or GED certificate
5. Submit official documentation of successful completion of a nurse aide, patient care partner, or direct care provider course (do not have to be certified)

**Developmental studies:** The health care field offers many job opportunities in a variety of challenging environments. The medication aide works in assisted living facilities, group homes, adult day care centers, and correctional facilities. Medication aides work under the supervision of the nursing and medical staff. The job is tough and demanding. Medication aides care for both the physical and psychological needs of their patients. *The HCT 115 class includes both classroom and clinical training. The clinical training takes place at area assisted living facilities.*

**Financial Requirement:** In addition to the usual college tuition and fee, this program requires the following estimated expenses:

Uniforms	\$50
Medical Exam	\$75
AHA BCLS CPR Certification	\$144.65

Document Filing, Criminal History & Sex Offender Check & Drug Screening	\$26.25
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**Required Courses**

HCT 115	Medication Administration Training	3 credits
HCT 190	Coordinated Internship	1 credit
EMT 109	CPR for Health Care Providers	1 credit