

Elevate Your Patient Care Career

Become an Ohio Certified Medication Aide (MAC/CMA)

Are you a dedicated Healthcare Professional such as a CNA/STNA in Ohio looking to expand your skills, increase your responsibilities, and boost your earning potential? Perhaps you've completed the STNA/CNA Certification Course with us and now you're ready to take the next step towards advancing your Medical/Healthcare Career in Patient Care. Well, our **Ohio Board of Nursing-Approved Certified Medication Aide (MA-C) Course** might just be exactly what you've been looking for!

Also referred by some as a "Med Aide" but not to be confused with a Medical Aide/Medical Technician, a Certified Medication Aide (CMA/MAC) is an essential member of the healthcare team, working under the supervision of a licensed nurse (RN/LPN) to ensure residents in Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs), Long-Term Care (LTC), Residential Care (RC), Assisted Living (AL), and Independent Living (IL) Facilities receive their prescribed medications safely and accurately. You could think of them as essentially "Enhanced Function" CNAs or STNAs: Certified Nurse Aides or Certified Nursing Assistants who have taken additional training to pass Narcotic-Level Medications in Ohio which is a huge jump from the scope of practice of an CNA but less than that of a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

What is a Certified Medication Aide in Ohio?

Licensed through the Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN)

A three-year Pilot Program was conducted from 2006 to 2009 by the OBN

MACs have had legal status in Ohio since 2009

Allows MACs to pass Narcotic-Level Medications

This is in essence a Pharmacology-Based Course

Covering Drug-Drug Interactions, Contraindications, and Drug Classifications

This is a great Primer/Pre-Pharm course, especially for those who are Nursing School bound or on a Wait List For Pre-Medical/Pre-Physician Assistant (PA) students who want patient care experience on their resume/CV

May pass Schedule two (II) through five (V) Medications

US Federal Narcotic Schedule: I (No) - II (Yes) - III (Yes) - IV (Yes) - V (Yes)

What is within the Scope of Practice of a Certified Medication Aide in Ohio?

Meds may be administered via the following routes:

Orally (most common)

Topically (via the skin)

Ear, Nose, Eye Drops

Suppositorily (vaginally & rectally)

Inhalers (such as certain Corticosteroids for asthmatics)

Nebulizers (certain bronchodilators such as Albuterol)

Needles (single-dose Insulin pens to those who are diabetic)

What does Our Course Look Like?

120-hour Program = 80 hours (Didactic Lecture & Lab) + 40 hours (Clinical)

Six-Week Course: Five (5) Weeks Lec/Lab + One (1) Week Clinical

Lecture/Lab: Day (9A-230P) M-W-F & Evening (530-P11P) M-W-F

Clinical: 8A-130P M-T-W-H

Earnings = \$5 to \$10 more per hour than their CNA-only counterparts

Requirements: CNA + MAC Entrance Exam + CPR

Why Choose Our Ohio MA-C Course?

Career Advancement

The MA-C certification provides a clear path for professional growth, offering more responsibilities and a competitive edge in the healthcare field.

Increased Earning Potential

Certified Medication Aides in Ohio often command a **higher hourly wage** than traditional STNAs/CNAs, with average salaries around **\$33,000 - \$38,000+ per year** (depending on experience and facility).

Vital Role in Patient Care

Free up licensed nurses to focus on complex patient needs while you confidently manage routine medication administration, making you a cornerstone of your facility's care team.

Ohio Board of Nursing Approved

Our comprehensive curriculum meets all Ohio Board of Nursing requirements, preparing you to successfully pass the state certification exam.

What You Will Learn

Our rigorous 120-hour program includes a blend of classroom instruction, hands-on lab practice, and supervised clinical experience, covering all essential topics:

Safe Medication Administration

Mastering the **Six Rights of Medication Administration** (Right Resident, Medication, Dose, Time, Route, and Documentation).

Pharmacology Basics

An overview of body systems and how common medications affect them.

Routes of Administration

Safe techniques for administering oral, topical, nasal, eye, ear, rectal, vaginal, and inhaled medications.

Accurate Documentation and Reporting

Training on proper charting and reporting changes in a resident's condition to the supervising nurse.

Infection Control and Resident Safety

Relevant Ohio Law and Administrative Code pertaining to MA-C practice.

Is This Course Right For You? (Eligibility Requirements)

To enroll in our Ohio Certified Medication Aide course and be eligible for state certification, you must meet the following Ohio Board of Nursing requirements:

1. Be at least **18 years old**
2. Possess a valid **High School Diploma or GED**
3. Complete the CNA/STNA Course
4. Take the Entry Exam

For Nursing Homes

Must be a current **State-Tested Nurse Aide (STNA)** or **Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)**.

For Residential Care Facilities (RCFs)/Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs)

Must have at least **one year of direct care experience** in an RCF

Pass a criminal background check (BCI/FBI)

Complete a two-step TB test (required before clinical practice)

Ready to Take the Next Step?

A rewarding and more advanced career in healthcare starts here. Don't wait to invest in your future!

[Call-to-Action Button]: View Class Schedule & Register Now

Have questions about eligibility or course financing?

Contact us today at 614-847-3617 or email us at [Email Address]

*Note: The titles "Certified Medication Aide," "CMA," or "MA-C" may be used interchangeably, but the Ohio Board of Nursing grants the official **Medication Aide Certification** allowing the title of **Certified Medication Aide** or the use of the initials **MA-C**. This course is designed to meet all current Ohio regulatory requirements.*