

# certified medication technician



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**The Certified Medication Technician** is an expanded role for the Certified Nurse Assistant. The program is designed to teach skills in administration of nonparenteral medications that will qualify students to perform this procedure to assist licensed practical nurses or registered professional nurses in medication therapy.

#### **How long does it take to earn a certificate?**

MCC-Penn Valley Certified Medication Technician training is approximately 10 weeks. The program includes 60 hours of instruction and 8 hours of clinical rotation.

#### **During the course, students will learn to:**

- Prepare, administer and chart medication by all routes (oral, rectal, vaginal, optic, ophthalmic, nasal, topical and pulmonary).
- Use body substance precautions applicable to the above.
- Observe, evaluate, report and record response of residents to medications given.
- Identify responsibilities associated with control and storage of medications.
- Identify appropriate reference materials.
- Relate side effects, interactions and nursing implication of common medications.
- Identify lines of authority and areas of responsibilities.

#### **What are the requirements to begin training?**

- Student must be 18 years of age
- Proof of High School diploma or GED
- Minimum score on the D-level of Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)
- Proof of six (6) months of employment as a Certified Nurse Assistant (must be on company letterhead)
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a LTC facility (from the D.O.N. or Administrator only, must be on company letterhead)
- Mantoux 2 step Tuberculosis (TB) skin test result taken within the last twelve (12) months
- Have a COMPASS placement score on file taken within the last two (2) years
- Copy of Missouri CNA certificate

#### **Completed at enrollment:**

- Criminal background check through Validity Screening Solutions
- Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Family Care Safety Registry

#### **Is your program accredited?**

We meet the highest standards in the field of Certified Medication Technician training. The Missouri Health Care Association (MHCA) and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) certify our program.

After successful completion of the course, students take the CMT state exam to become a Certified Medication Technician in the state of Missouri.

#### **How much money can I make?**

With a CMT certificate the average starting pay is \$10 to \$12 per hour.

#### **Where can I work?**

Employment for Certified Medication Technicians is available in long-term care facilities, hospitals, home health care, agencies and private duty care.

#### **What kind of learning environment will I find at MCC-Penn Valley?**

There is an integrated and diverse learning environment in both classroom and clinical settings.

#### **How to apply**

- Schedule an appointment with the MCC-Penn Valley Certified Nurse Assistant office by calling 816-759-4022 or sending an e-mail to [pv.cna@mcckc.edu](mailto:pv.cna@mcckc.edu). For more information visit our web site at [www.mcckc.edu/pvcna](http://www.mcckc.edu/pvcna)
- Class size is limited to 15 seats.
- Enrollment is by appointment only.

#### **Enrollment Information**

A deposit of \$300 will reserve your seat. When you register as a student at the Metropolitan Community College, you become financially obligated for your tuition and fees. It is your responsibility to pay all charges on your account by the due date. Any outstanding balances, resulting from insufficient financial aid, scholarship or payment from an external source, must be paid immediately upon notification. Only written refund requests received and approved by the CNA department a minimum of seven (7) days prior to class start date will be processed. Contact 816-759-4022 if you have any questions.

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#### **Does financial aid cover the cost?**

No. Certified medication technician training is a non-credit certificate program ineligible for federal financial aid assistance.

#### **Cost**

Total payable to MCC –

Tuition: \$599 (Includes: course fee, certificate, license, pin, and exam fee)

Additional fees -

Criminal background check: \$46 (payable to Validity Screening Solutions), \$1 credit card surcharge.

Family Care Safety Registry: \$9 (payable to Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services), \$1 credit card surcharge.

#### **Mandatory supplies (student responsibility – must have by first day of class)**

- Medical uniform – any color/design

#### **Available in the Penn Valley bookstore:**

- Required Textbook – 50-6010-S Certified Medication Technician (Student) Rev. 2005
- Optional Supplemental Textbook - The New American Medical Dictionary and Health Manual by Robert Rothenberg (ISBN # 0-451-19720-8)

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