



Medication Assistance in the Adult Care Facility

Training Program Description

This Training Program is specifically designed for those who will be providing assistance with medications in Adult Care/Assisted Living Facilities. The Training Program will provide participants with the fundamentals of medication assistance, as well as NYS requirements for non-licensed staff assisting residents with self-administration of their medications. Substantial Compliance Training Environment (SCTE) and the Empire State Association of Assisted Living (ESAAL) are pleased to partner in providing this Training Program.

For ease and flexibility, the online Training Program is offered on-demand and registrants may proceed through the modules at their own convenience. The Training Program is composed of eight mini modules which range from approximately 8-17 minutes in length and are followed by key reinforcement points at the end of each module. The Training Program concludes with a 42-question quiz that requires at least 36 correct answers (85%) to pass. Participants will have two attempts to achieve the 85% passing score.

Modules/Course Content

- 1. Definitions, Abbreviations, and Assistance in the Adult Care Facility (12:52)**
- 2. Introduction and Acquiring Medications (8:46)**
 - Ordering Medications
 - Receiving Medications from Pharmacy or Resident/Family
 - Securing Delivered Medications
- 3. Storage of Medications (8:31)**
 - Medication Cart
 - Overflow Storage
 - Controlled Medications
 - Refrigerated Medications
 - Nutritional Supplements
 - Resident Self-storage
- 4. Medication Labels (5:56) and Medication Administration Record (MAR) (4:29)**
 - Prescribed Medications
 - Over-the-counter (OTC) Medications
 - Direction Change Stickers
 - Required Information
 - eMARs
 - Medical Provider Orders
- 5. Seven Rights (7:39)**
 - Right Resident
 - Right Time
 - Right Drug
 - Right Dose
 - Right Route
 - Right Documentation
 - Right to Refuse



6. Medication Assistance Part 1 (16:52)

- Confidentiality
- Handwashing and Infection Control
- Resident Safety
- Pre-pouring Medications
- Oral Medications
- Splitting medications
- Crushed Medications
- Topical Creams, Ointments, and Powders
- Medication Patches
- Eye Medications
- Ear Medications
- Nasal Medications

7. Medication Assistance Part 2 (16:03)

- Inhalers
- Nebulizers
- Oxygen
- PRN (as needed) Medications
- Controlled Medications
- Resident Self-administration
- Glucose Testing
- Injectable Medications
- Sending Medications with Residents
- Unavailable Medications

8. Disposal of Medications (5:27), Documentation and Reporting of Concerns (2:39), and Medication Errors and Conclusion (2:04)

- Dropped or Contaminated Medications
- Discontinued or Expired Medications
- Controlled Medications
- Confidentiality
- Documenting on the MAR
- Resident Refusal or Missed Medications
- How to Report Concerns
- Types of Errors
- Reporting Medication Errors
- Documentation of Errors