

# CERTIFIED MEDICATION AIDE (CMA)



Caring for others and their well-being is central to what certified medication aides are all about! A CMA typically works in a long-term care facility, administering medication and treatments to patients in a safe and prescribed manner. In this career, strong people skills are important due to the amount of direct patient care. CMA is often a prerequisite for advanced training, allowing you to climb the health career ladder.

## Learning at Washburn Tech

The certified medication aide (CMA) course introduces the basic concepts of medication administration including drug classifications, drug action and nursing implications for specific drugs. You will gain hands-on experience by working in a clinical setting. High school seniors, who are at least 18 years old, as well as adult students are eligible to enroll in this five-credit-hour course. Upon completion, you will be prepared to take the Medication Aide Certification exam from the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services. However, you must be 18 years of age to take the

certification exam, as stipulated by state law, and must take the exam within a year of starting CMA course work. Please note: this continuing education course is not eligible for financial aid or commencement.

## Job and Salary Outlook

As the health care field grows, so does the demand for CMAs. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects overall employment of nursing and psychiatric aides to grow by 20 percent between 2010 and 2020, which is faster than the average for all occupations. According to the Kansas Department of Labor, the average salary for an entry-level medical assistant in 2015 was \$12.96 an hour or \$26,956 annually. The average wage was \$19.97 an hour or \$41,546 annually.

## Entry Requirements

You must have a current Kansas CNA license to enroll. Students are required to take the Accuplacer and score a 4 in both Reading and Math. Other assessments or college coursework can be accepted in place of this exam. Please see a recruiter for details. Students also must complete an application.

## Certifications

- Certified Medication Aide

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For more programs, enrollment and course schedule information, please contact Admissions.

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## Course Descriptions

**CMA:** The Certified Medication Aide (CMA) course is designed for the person seeking work in a long-term care facility. The CMA course introduces the student to basic concepts of medication administration including drug classification, drug action and nursing implications for specific drugs. Students participate in hands-on experiences in a clinic setting. Upon completion of the course, students are eligible to receive a Medication Aide certificate after passing the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services exam. Prerequisite: CNA Certification



## Enrollment Options

This CNA course is offered at varying times throughout the year. For more information, contact Washburn Tech's Continuing Education Office by calling 785.670.3353 or send an email to [Teresa.Vasquez@washburn.edu](mailto:Teresa.Vasquez@washburn.edu).

## AO-K Program

Students who would like to earn their GED diploma while gaining technical training may take this program as part of Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas (AO-K). Costs to the student are greatly reduced. For more information, contact Mandy Cox at 785.670.2601.

### CHECKLIST

- Have CNA license
  - Complete Enrollment Packet
  - Take Assessment Test\*
  - Pay Enrollment/Material Fee
- \*some exceptions apply

### TOTAL 2018-2019 PROGRAM COSTS (ESTIMATED) - HIGH SCHOOL

Enrollment fee	\$0
Tuition	FREE
All other fees	\$138
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$138</b>

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED CHARGES

Tools/Books Estimate*	\$63
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### TOTAL 2018-2019 PROGRAM COSTS (ESTIMATED) - ADULT

Enrollment fee	\$0
Tuition	\$695
All other fees	\$138
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$833</b>

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED CHARGES

Tools/Books Estimate*	\$63
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\* A list of required tools/books is on a separate sheet of paper and on our website, [WashburnTech.edu](http://WashburnTech.edu). Students also will need to purchase supplies such as (but not limited to) pens/pencils, notebooks/paper, three-ring binder, etc. Students may purchase them at the vendor of their choice.



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