

# Prerequisites for the Medication Administration Standard Student Course

The Medication Administration Program is recognized by the Department of Human Services (DHS) and The Department of Aging (DOA) as the approved medication administration training program. The DHS Medication Administration model is managed and operated by the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP).

The Medication Administration Training program delivers training to candidates from multiple program offices including DHS's Office of Administration, ODP, the Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL), the Office of Children, Youth and Families (OCYF), the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) and DOA.

In collaboration with the Pennsylvania State Board of Nurses, ODP developed the Medication Administration Training Program in 1981. The purpose of the Department approved program is to provide training for unlicensed staff in community settings to properly administer medications to individuals who receive services in the following settings:

- Chapter 2380: Adult Training Facilities (ATF)
- Chapter 2390: Vocational Facilities
- Chapter 2600: Personal Care Homes (PCH)
- Chapter 2800: Assisted Living (ALR)
- Chapter 3800: Child Residential and Day Treatment Facilities
- Chapter 6400: Community Homes for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities [Serving eight (8) or fewer individuals]
- Chapter 6600: Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities [Serving eight (8) or fewer individuals]
- Chapter 6600: Intermediate Care Facilities for Other Related Conditions (ICF/ORC) [Serving eight (8) or fewer individuals]
- Title 6 Aging, Chapter 11: Adult Day Services
- \*OMHSAS-Waiver Approved Providers: Crisis Intervention, CRR, LTSR, and RTF-A

To be qualified to take the course, you must be 18 and must possess either a high school diploma or GED. You must verify that the course is offered by your employer and determine if there are additional internal requirements that you would have to meet.

Please note that this course is administered in English. Users should be able to speak, read, write, and communicate effectively in English to complete the Medication Administration Training Program course requirements.

All training to administer medication is provided by the employer. Instruction to trainers who are employed by agencies in the above settings is provided by ODP or its contractors.

To function in the role of a qualified medication administrator, staff must be employed by one of the eligible providers listed above.