

# MEDICATION AIDE FAST-TRACK CERTIFICATE



A Program Overview of the Health Sciences Area of Study

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## Programs At-A-Glance

### Medication Aide Fast-Track Certificate

Available at LSC-Tomball

[LoneStar.edu/Medication-Aide-Workforce](http://LoneStar.edu/Medication-Aide-Workforce)

**Entry-Level Wage: \$20,715**

**M**edication Aide distributes patient medications in nursing homes, schools, correctional facilities or non-hospital assisted-living facilities. Medication aides usually are directly supervised by doctors or other licensed caretakers. Aides typically assist patients in properly taking oral, topical or intravenous medication in correct dosages and must adhere to strict medical protocol. These professionals also supervise patients to ensure they do not have any adverse reactions after taking their medications and must keep comprehensive records of all medications administered to each patient.

An aide typically will measure patients' vital signs, such as blood pressure, temperature, and breathing and heart rate throughout the day. If a patient's vital signs are outside of the normal range, the aide does not treat the patient but instead informs the facility's nurses or doctors on duty. A medication aide keeps detailed medical records on patients and must note any allergies or other reactions in the patients' files. Medication aides also need to know how to recognize and assess the signs of emergency situations in order to quickly respond and contact doctors.

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**Fast-Track Certificate**  
140 Contact Hours

**Corporate  
College**

Medication Aide

Professional development opportunities are available for additional training and licensure.



Representative career titles and job positions for this program plan include:

- **Certified Medication Aide (CMA)**<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>Position titles vary by employer and location.

**Complete your Medication  
Aide Fast-Track Certificate  
in 10 weeks!**

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