

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICATION AIDE TEST PLAN/CONTENT OUTLINE

A. AUTHORIZED DUTIES: 10% of Test Content

Roles, responsibilities, legal aspects and limitations of MEDICATION AIDES:

- a. Authorized duties for a Medication Aide including:
 - i. Permitted routes of medication administration: oral, eye, ear, nasal, inhalant, transdermal, topical, vaginal and rectal.
 - ii. Prohibited routes: subcutaneous, intradermal, intramuscular, and intravascular injections and medications via tubes and ostomies.
- b. Medication Aide's responsibility for reporting to a nurse;
- c. How to address conflict with role and authorized duty issues;
- d. Medication Aide role under state regulations
 - i. completed a NC Board of Nursing approved course
 - ii. completed state approved competency examination
 - iii. listed on medication aide registry

B. MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION: 80% of Test Content

- a. Administering and charting medications;
- b. Medication packaging;
- c. Preparation and administration of medications by approved routes;
- d. Special Circumstances for administering medications:
 - i. Liquid medication;
 - ii. Cutting medications;
 - iii. Crushing medications;
 - iv. Difficulty swallowing;
 - v. Administering medications to children;
 - vi. Allergies;
- e. Correct medication administration procedure (Six rights):
 - ii. Right client;
 - iii. Right medication;
 - iv. Right dose;
 - v. Right route;
 - vi. Right time;
 - vii. Right documentation;
- f. Client medication rights, including the right to confidentiality and the right to know and refuse medications;
- g. Client safety and error prevention;
- h. Appropriate communication with supervising licensed nurse;
- i. Infection control procedures including standard precautions;
- j. Use of Medication Administration Record (MAR) to:
 - i. Administer medications; and
 - ii. Document medication administration.
- k. Medication errors and reporting techniques;
- l. Auditing and inventory systems:
 - i. Controlled substance counts
 - ii. Disposition of unused or contaminated medications.

C. MEDICATION CONCEPTS: 10% of Test Content

Concepts in administration of medications:

- a. Commonly used abbreviations;
- b. Terminology and definitions;