Medication Aide Training Programs:

* Medication Aides can be used in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living facilities – not to be confused with the medication certificate from DODD. In a NH must be a STNA, in a RCF but be a resident assistant with at least one year of experience.
* Medication Aide Training Program consists of 120 hours of instruction: 80 hours of in person class instruction (must be completed by a RN) and 40 hours of supervised clinical practice within a NH or RCF (this may be completed by a RN or LPN). They must also pass a written exam and clinical competency test.
* The supervised clinical practice portion must be completed in a NH that ODH has found to be free from deficiencies related to administration of medications in the two most recent annual surveys, or in a RCF that ODH has found to free from deficiencies, related to the administration of medications and provision of skilled nursing care, in the two most recent annual surveys.
* The cost for program approval is $1000, and must be reapproved every 2 years at a cost of $500
* Chapter 4723-27 of the Ohio Administrative Code has very detailed program curriculum requirements. I did find a model curriculum certified medication aide training program that I will share in the chat.
* Having a medication aide will not reduce the number of staff you need but it can help with staff burnout – STNA’s feel empowered, RN’s and LPN’s don’t feel so rushed and can spend more time actually assessing the residents, may attract STNA’s to your facility, may decrease med errors as medication aides won’t get as interrupted as RN’s and LPN’s.
* Medication aides do have some limitations: cannot administer medications containing a schedule II controlled substance, medications requiring dosage calculations, injections, IV therapy procedures, splitting pills for purposed of changing the dose being given, through J-tube, G-tube, NG or oral gastric tubes
* Medication aides can not receive, transcribe, or alter a medication order, administer the initial does of a medication ordered for a resident, or have access to schedule II controlled substances
* Medication aides cannot be given a regular STNA assignment when they are administering medications but can help provide resident care between med passes – examples may include giving showers/baths, making appointments, scheduling transportation.
* Below is are links to Chapter 4723-27 of the Ohio Administrative Code and the currently approved programs in Ohio. There are 16 currently approved programs, 10 of those are facility based. The other 6 non-facility based programs provide the 80 hours of class instruction and then contract with NF’s and RCF’s to provide the 40 hours of supervised clinical practice. If you don’t want to do to class instruction, you could contact the non-facility based programs to see if you could contract your facility with them to provide the supervised clinical practice site and therefore recruit the STNA’s in this program

[Chapter 4723-27 - Ohio Administrative Code | Ohio Laws](https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-4723-27)

[MedAideCurric102006.pdf (ohio.gov)](http://www.nursing.test.ohio.gov/PDFS/MedAides/Training/MedAideCurric102006.pdf#:~:text=Among%20other%20requirements%2C%20the%20regulations%20require%20certified%20medication,rules%20set%20forth%20required%20curriculum%20content%20and%20hours.)

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