

# *Become a Partner Facility* **of the Medication Aide Fast Forward Grant**

## **Benefits of Advancing CNAs to Medication Aides**

- Create a career ladder for your Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) and improve retention.
- Reduce your facility's dependency on professional nurses in this tough labor market.
- Allow your nurses to focus more on patient assessment and identifying / addressing changes in condition.

## **Benefits of Becoming a Partner Facility**

- Cost of the instructor/class is **FREE** to all Partner Facilities; 56 hours of class instruction and 4 hours of lab.
- You are able to submit for reimbursement (through the Fast Forward Grant) the preceptor portion of the class that takes place *at your facility*; a hands on, 40 hour experience *with your RN*.

## **3 Easy Steps to Becoming a Partner Facility**

- Select an upcoming class: [https://employment-dovehealthcare-com.site.afni.com//medication\\_aide\\_class.phtml](https://employment-dovehealthcare-com.site.afni.com//medication_aide_class.phtml)
- Call Amanda Bradley at **715-415-2095** to reserve your spot(s) in the class.
- Amanda will work directly with you, and help your facility become approved as a Partner Facility.

## **Eligibility Requirements for Your CNA**

- Currently working as a CNA *in a skilled nursing facility*.
- Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalency.
- Must be listed on the State of Wisconsin CNA Registry as eligible to work in federally-certified health care settings.
- Must have at least 2,000 hours of experience as a CNA in direct patient care within the last three years *in a skilled nursing facility*.
- *Within the last 90 days*, must have worked a minimum of 40 hours as a CNA with the residents to whom you will be administering medications during the clinical experience portion of the Medication Aide class.
- Provide written verification from your employer.
- Provide four written letters of recommendations. (Two from licensed charge nurses, one from the Director of Nursing at the skilled nursing facility where you will be working during the clinical experience, and one from the Administrator of the skilled nursing facility where you will be working during the clinical experience.)

## **More Information**

### **Regulations Related to Medication Aides in Skilled Nursing Facilities:**

[http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin\\_code/dhs/110/129](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/dhs/110/129)

### **Class Requirements and Upcoming Class Schedules:**

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### **Class Location:**

Dove Healthcare – West Eau Claire, 1405 Truax Blvd, Eau Claire, WI 54703