

# Certified Nursing Assistant -Medications CNA-M

## Description of a CNA-M

Certified Nursing Assistant – Medications (CNA-Ms) performs all functions of CNAs, plus provides medication administration performed under the direction of an on-site supervisory nurse.

## CNA-M Work Settings and Populations Served

- Works in a variety of settings, including nursing facilities, assisted living or residential care settings, adult day programs, psychiatric settings, county jails & state correctional institutions, and physicians' offices.
- Administers selected non-injectable medications to patients 4 years of age or older.

## Hiring Requirements

A person must be listed as "active" on the Certified Nursing Assistant and Direct car Worker Registry (CNA Registry).

A background check and certain types of criminal convictions may prohibit employment as a CNA.

A person may not work as a CNA if the CNA Registry shows they have a substantiated finding of abuse or neglect or misappropriation of property of a client, patient, or resident.

## TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- Be certified as a CNA in Maine and active on the CNA registry
- Have completed 10th grade (or equivalent competency)
- Successfully complete the 120-hour CNA-M Training Program
- Have completed the equivalent of at least one year of full-time employment as a CNA
- Comply with your employer's requirements for ongoing training and competency

## CAREER PATHWAY

A person who is certified as a CNA-M can move into the following positions with additional training. Some career pathways include

- LPN
- Medical Assistant
- Nursing Degree
- MHRT-1
- DSP
- CIPSS
- MHRT-C