



PDA Health and Social Care: Administration of Medication

This qualification is designed to meet the requirements of social service workers who regularly assist individuals to take medication. The qualification provides a depth of knowledge about administering medication through tutorials and practice-based learning. The PDA Health and Social Care: Administration of Medication at SCQF level 7 comprises two mandatory Units, these are:

- F9D9 34 Administration of Medication
- DK2X 04 Administer Medication to Individuals

Entry Requirements

Candidates should currently be in a work role that requires them to administer medication and have a good level of written and oral communication. Candidates should have previous qualifications at SCQF level 5.

Course Content

- Care principles and values
- Consent to treatment
- Legislation, Standards and codes of practice
- Care planning, risk management and protection
- Compliance with medication guidelines
- Storage and handling of medicines
- Medication recording and reporting
- Risk management prior to and during administration of medication
- Physiological measurements
- Signs and symptoms of allergic reactions
- Dangers of adverse reactions
- Hygiene and infection control
- Medication types
- Routes, dosage, timing and frequency
- Preparation of medication, including self-medication
- Equipment for the safe administration of medication
- Medical and Legal implications — refusal of medication, covert medication
- Disposal of medicine and equipment
- Medication errors

Further Opportunities

Completion of this course can provide Accredited Prior Learning towards SVQ Social Services and Healthcare at SCQF level 7. Candidates may wish to advance to this award.

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