Certificate of Proficiency - Medication Assistant

The Medication Assistant Course at Arkansas Northeastern College combines classroom theory, lab and clinical experiences meeting the requirements of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing for the Medication Assistant-Certified (MA-C) training course. The course includes the role and responsibilities of the MA-C along with the concepts necessary for the safe and effective administration of medications. Supervised clinical experience includes administering medications in a nursing home setting. Students are required to meet College Admission requirements and must have completed at least 1 continuous year of full-time experience as a certified nurse aide (CNA) in the state of Arkansas and currently listed in good standing on the Arkansas Certified Nurse Aid Registry. Students successfully completing course requirements with a "C" or above and a "pass" in the clinical lab and clinical are awarded the certificate of proficiency in Medication Assistant.

Course Requirements	Credit Hours		CP in Medication Assistant Minimum Scores Required			
AH 16016 Medication Assistant	6		Math	English	Reading	
AH 16011 Medical Terminology	<u>1</u>	ACT	11	11	13	
		Accuplacer	26A	52	36	
Total Credit Hours	7	Next Gen	216A	224	224	

Program Admission Requirements:

Admission to the ANC Medication Assistant Program is selective. In order to be considered for admission to the program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Complete Application for Admission to the MA-C Program and submit as directed.
- Minimum age of 18 years.
- Earned high school diploma or successfully passed the (GED) test.
- Must be a certified nursing assistant (CNA) with at least one (1) continuous year of full-time experience.
- Maintained registration on the Arkansas certified nurse aide registry continuously for a minimum of one (1) year. Persons with a criminal record, substance abuse problems, and or health problems that would interfere with safe practices may be ineligible for placement on the state registry and/or for employment.
- Is currently employed at a designated long-term care facility in Arkansas.

Refer to Medication Assistant Information Guidelines located on the ANC Allied Health web page for additional admission criteria and program application for admission.