

SAFE HANDLING OF MEDICINES COURSE – LEVEL 2 AWARD



The **Safe Handling of Medicines - Level 2 Course** is designed for all health care staff whose duties may bring them into contact with medication. This course aims to provide the student with a thorough understanding of the principles and practices of working with medicines. On completion of the programme an individual will be familiar with the correct procedures for the administering, handling and disposal of medicines.

Please Note: Students for this course will need to be able to relate answers to a current or recent workplace environment.

The Course Includes the Following Units:-

- **Unit 1:** Ordering of Medicines
- **Unit 2:** Storage of Medicines
- **Unit 3:** Administration of Medicines
- **Unit 4:** Self Administration of Medicines
- **Unit 5:** Homely Remedies
- **Unit 6:** How Oral Medicines Work
- **Unit 7:** Refusal of Medicines
- **Unit 8:** Controlled Drugs
- **Unit 9:** Common Side Effects from Medicines in the Older Service User
- **Unit 10:** Errors Associated with the Administration of Medicine
- **Unit 11:** Oxygen Therapy in a Care Home
- **Unit 12:** Disposal of Medicines Confidentiality
- **Unit 13:** Confidentiality
- **Unit 14:** Competency in Clinical

Course Duration & Support:

Students may register at any time and have a full year to complete their studies. You also have access to a personal tutor by mail or email for a 12 month period. As the course is self study you can complete in as little or as long a time as you prefer.

Assessment:

You will be assessed on coursework which is detailed in the course materials. Most coursework consists of short paragraph answers to set questions. Your work can be sent back to your course tutor by email or by post.

Qualification:

The award is gained from successfully completed coursework. On successful completion of this course, students will receive a **Level 2 Safe Handling of Medicines Award**. This award has been independently accredited at a level of learning equivalent to level 2 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and is comparable to working at GCSE or NVQ Level 2.



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