



# Caregiver



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## DRAKE MEDOX HEALTH SERVICES ACT – Assignable, Certified, Trained Competency Skills Training

All CHW'S who have not completed the former "Certification Program" at Drake Medox need to attend the ACT Competency Skills Training workshops which involves a total of 3 classes to complete the training. You are **responsible to book** your own class by registering for one of the sessions indicated on our calendar. If you are unsure if you have taken this program before ask the Receptionist to look it up in your file. If you have the "Certification Program" completed you will be getting a call from our Field Supervisor Charlene to review these tasks and do not need to attend this training.

### "PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN TRAINING DAYS"

**Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays and you need to attend all 3 classes on either day to complete the program and be**

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## Fall Comes Back!

### Are You Prepared?

**Shannon Pietraroia**

Drake Medox Health Services

As summer begins to wind down, and fall approaches we just want to make sure, you are prepared for the upcoming season. A few key things to remember:

1. Traffic-beginning in September will become horrendous especially for you commuters. Remember to give yourself extra time whether you are driving or taking the bus.
2. To arrange for proper babysitters (if you have children) make sure you have a back up always ready in case of emergency.
3. Dress accordingly. The days will be warm but the evenings will get cool. If you work in the evenings, make sure you stay warm. Be prepared for weather changes with umbrellas and proper waterproof footwear with good grips.

## Administration of Oral Medications

### From Dosette or Bubble Pack

1. Explain procedure to client
2. Wash hands
3. Obtain bubble pack or dosette container. If bubble pack, check for client's name. I.E. Monday 9am
4. Select right date and time on container
5. Punch out or remove pills from container, placing them on a small plate. (don't touch them)
6. Take medications to client with a drink
7. Watch while client takes medications
8. Return bubble pack or dosette to where it is stored
9. Document (notify office or on call supervisor if meds are out of order, meds missing from dossett, or client having difficulty adhering to a schedule)

*If you have any problems make sure you call the office for direction. And remember you must speak to one of the RN's if you have never done this task on this specific client before.*

Assignable, Certified, Trained to complete the Task 2's included in this program (medications, catheter care, colostomy care) without further direct or indirect training from the Field Supervisors prior to completing these tasks.

The schedules for the classes will be placed on the bulletin board in the office, so sign up asap to get the choice you want.

TO REGISTER:

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE OR CALL RECEPTION AND REQUEST TO BE PUT ON THE LIST FOR YOUR CHOICE OF EITHER AFTERNOON OR EVENING CLASSES. All classes will be held at the Drake Medox offices.

EVENING CLASSES Tuesday 6-8 pm for 3 consecutive weeks START:

**SEPTEMBER 23, 30, Oct 7**  
**OCTOBER 14, 21, 28**  
**NOVEMBER 4, 11, 18**  
**NOVEMBER 25, Dec 2, 9**

AFTERNOON CLASSES Thursday 2-4 pm for 3 consecutive weeks START:

**SEPTEMBER 25, Oct 2, 9**  
**OCTOBER 16, 23, 30**  
**NOVEMBER 6, 13, 20**  
**NOVEMBER 27, Dec 4, 11**

If you have an afternoon client's, please contact your scheduler to try and rearrange your times if possible. **Always make sure your client is informed.**

*If you have any concerns please Barbara or Susan.*

September 18, 2008



## **ATTENTI ON ALL COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS**

***OPPORTUNITY TO EARN MONEY TO PAY YOUR UPCOMING CHRISTMAS BILLS***

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AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**

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**WHO MAY BE INTERESTED?**

This is a program for those of you who are sincerely interested in providing your families, friends, neighbors, compatriots and acquaintances with the opportunity for a better life through education and employment opportunities with Drake Medox. You are motivated to help others, knowing what a valuable service you offer, helping those who are too frail and elderly to help themselves. You recognize the need for this service in your own communities, as well as those communities within which you work. You are aware this is a growth industry with plenty of opportunity, just as you are aware there are many women who are new to the country and looking for employment opportunities but are unsure of where to look. **YOU CAN HELP.**

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1. fe, committing to a 6-month program was a small price to pay for years of meaningful employment, with competitive pay and benefits, not to mention the gratification of helping people. Share your experiences with someone you think might make a GREAT Community Health Worker.
2. Familiarize yourself with the Instructor and the Student Advisor of Drake Medox College, so you know whom you are referring people to for more information on the program start dates and employment opportunities. All information you require to pass on to your friends will be available to you, including Information Packages.

**WHAT ARE THE REWARDS & BENEFITS OF BEING AN AMBASSADOR?**

1. The gratification of being part of the “bigger picture” in healthcare, by responding to the need to promote this career and enlist new RCA’s and Community Health Workers. The shortage of healthcare workers is a great concern to the health system. Because people are living longer, the numbers requiring community health care are growing faster than the number of people choosing a career in community health. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.
2. Being recognized as an information resource in your community, especially for those looking to enrich their lives through meaningful education and gainful employment. Imagine the sense of satisfaction knowing you have helped someone find their way to a better life, when no other options seemed available.
3. The potential to **earn extra income** simply by talking to people and promoting Drake Medox College and the RCA/Community Health Worker program. Each referral that successfully registers for the program means money in your pocket!

**ACT NOW! CALL VIKKI OR SUSAN AT 604-629-0196 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND DETAILS OF THE PROGRAM AND HOW TO APPLY**

**Terms and Conditions for Referral Fee Reimbursements of \$250, \$600 and \$1,000**

1. *Submission of the Request for Referral Fee, which serves as the common record both Drake and the Ambassador (copy attached).*
2. *Only Complete Referrals are compensable, e.g.,*
  - a. *Referral MUST PAY IN FULL upon acceptance into program.*



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