



PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN (T)

Program Objective/Description

The Patient Care Technician (PCT) program is designed to train the student for an entry level position in all of the relevant aspects of patient care technician assistance, diagnostic testing specifically electrocardiography (EKG), phlebotomy, nursing assistant, home health care needs. This program is designed for those interested for an entry level position as patient care technician in a nursing home, rehabilitation facility, extended care facility, a hospital or as Home Health Care Aid. The student learns to use basic types of patient care technician/home health care, phlebotomy and EKG equipment. The student receives all required in-service training and certifications such as Domestic Violence, HIV/AIDS, OSHA, Infection Control and Universal Precautions, Understanding Alzheimer's disease, Assistance with Self-Administered Medication Training and CPR. Upon completion of this program, student will possess the skills and hands on experience needed at an entry level Patient Care Technician utilizing patient care skills in a variety of healthcare settings. The PCT graduate is eligible to sit for Florida State Certification Nursing Assistant Exam.

Program Length: 30 weeks (7.5 months)

Delivery: Residential in Bilingual (Spanish/English) and English

Class Schedule: Monday thru Thursday (20 hours per week)

AM: 8:30am – 1:30pm

PM: 5:30pm-10:30pm

Credential: Diploma

Program Length:

Clock Hours 600

Credit Hours N/A

Total Contact Hours:

Theory Hours 310

Lab Hours 230

Externship Hours 60

Program Breakdown by Course

Course Code	Course Title	Clock Hours	Lab Hours	Externship Hours	Total Hours
AHP105	Basic Anatomy and Physiology and Medical Terminology & Abbreviations	60	0	0	60
AHP101	Introduction to Allied Health Careers	30	30	0	60
PCT103	Fundamentals of Patient Care I	30	30	0	60
PCT105	Fundamentals of Patient Care II	30	30	0	60
PCT107	Patient Care Technician Procedures and Lab Skills	30	30	0	60
GEN130	Employability/Career Planning	30	30	0	60
PCT111	PCT Certification Preparation	30	30	0	60
MAS114	Specialized Medical Exams I (Phlebotomy	30	30	0	60
MAS116	Specialized Medical Exams II (EKG/ECG)*	30	30	0	60
PCT115	PCT115 Patient Care Technician Clinical	0	0	60	60
TOTALS:		310	230	60	600

Course numbers are the first letters of the program name followed by three code numbers.



DISCLOSURE: Student may start working in their field of training as soon as they have successfully completed above-described program outline and received all required in-service certificates and diploma. To work in a hospital setting in the State of Florida, PCT graduates must sit and pass the state Certified Nursing Assistant written and practical exam.

*Program Cost reflect a change effective for all starts after June 1, 2016.

PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN PROGRAM COST:

Registration Fee (Not applied to tuition)	\$ 50.00
Background Check Fee.....	\$ 9.00
Tuition.....	\$ 8,820.00
Books and Supplies.....	\$ 355.00
*Other Costs	\$ 260.00

*(Basic Life Support and First Aid \$130.00 – Assistance with Self-Administered Medication - \$25.00- Understanding Alzheimer's Disease-\$30.00 – Nationally Registered Certified Patient Care Technician (NRCPT) Exam-\$75.00)

TOTAL COST (School Charges) \$ 9,494.00

Students must pay registration fee and initial background check at the time of enrollment. Books and supplies after cancellation period are not refunded.

**Other Fees NOT included in the program:

- FVI scrub/uniform set- \$25 each
- Nursing Assistant Competency Examination: Written – Clinical Skills English - \$140.00
- FBI Background Screening - \$80.67
- Nationally Registered Certified Phlebotomy Technician (NRCPT): \$75.00
- Nationally Registered Certified EKG Technician (NRCEKG): \$75.00
- Hepatitis B series \$225 (\$75 per injection)

Students for this program must wear proper medical attire. Uniforms are purchased by the student.



AHP101 Introduction to Allied Health Careers 60 Clock Hours
(30 Theory Hours /30 Lab Hours)

The course is designed to offer the student a foundation in allied health career skills. Students will learn medical terminology, as well as first aid procedures and CPR. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the healthcare delivery system, and health occupation, basic infection control procedures, HIPAA guidelines, and the general laws and ethical responsibility of healthcare workers. Student will learn to handle emergency situations, practice safety and security procedures, apply science skills, interpersonal communications skills, and understand the developmental principles of the life cycle. In-services given in this course: HIPAA, OSHA, Domestic Violence, Communication with cognitively impaired clients, and Medical Errors certificates.

Pre-requisite(s): None

AHP105 Basic Anatomy and Physiology and 60 Clock Hours
Medical Terminology & Abbreviations*
(60 Theory Hours /0 Lab Hours)

Students are introduced to anatomical structures and physiological function of the human body. This course defines the integumentary, skeletal, muscular, nervous, endocrine, cardiovascular, respiratory, digestive, urinary and reproductive systems. Virtual practical laboratory experiences included in the course provide an understanding of basic anatomy and physiology which is the foundation for a career in health professions. Instructor may provide additional resources or materials as a part of the lesson plan.

Pre-requisite(s): None

GEN130 Employability/Career Planning Skills 60 Clock Hours
(30 Theory Hours /30 Lab Hours)

This course is designed to prepare the students for job search and career development. Resume writing, interview techniques, dress code and appearance, forms completion, follow up skills, as well as what employers may be looking for in a prospective employee. Topics emphasize how to maintain certification and State's registry, continuing education, and learn how to manage stress and stressors. Information on Medical Assistant Certification and requirements for job placement will be reviewed. Information including professional ethic, guides to trade associations and memberships.

Pre-requisite(s): None

MAS114 Specialized Medical Exam I (Phlebotomy) 60 Clock Hours
(30 Theory Hours /30 Lab Hours)

In this course students will learn the basic concepts behind laboratory testing. Students will learn phlebotomy skills, use of Vacutainer, proper techniques involved in collecting biological specimens and material, appropriate storage and processing. Students will also learn how to perform urinalysis, hematology testing, immunology testing, and other labs performed in the medical office and laboratories.

Pre-requisite(s): None

MAS116 Specialized Medical Exam II (EKG/ECG) 60 Clock Hours
(30 Theory Hours /30 Lab Hours)

The course is designed to introduce basic principles of ECG. Students will be prepared to performed electrocardiogram procedure including the recording of the traces as well as ability to read them and recognize cardiac disorders.

Pre-requisite(s): None

PCT103 Fundamentals of Patient Care I 60 Clock Hours
(30 Theory Hours /30 Lab Hours)

In this course students develop the skills to perform patient care procedures, such as ambulation, output measurements, patient positioning, range of motion exercises, personal care, bed making, taking vital signs, and other important functions and procedures required in patient care. Students develop skills in patient care, specifically in physical comfort and patient safety. Students will learn the importance and the



appropriate procedures and actions in creating a comfortable and safe environment for patients. Protocols for patient care include nourishment, nutrition and procedures for feeding patients. Students learn the importance of balanced nutrition, diabetic diets, other special needs diets, and essential nutrition principles for patients. Medical Record in service.

Pre-requisite(s): None

PCT105 Fundamentals of Patient Care II 60 Clock Hours
(30 Theory Hours /30 Lab Hours)

This course is designed to help students understand the needs of surgical patients, the common, chronic, and acute conditions. Students will learn the standard protocols, physical care and comfort, appropriate communication with post-operative patients and their families. Also this course is designed to provide safety, sanitation and emergency skills in the context of the Nursing Assistant. Students will learn to identify emergency situations from possible adverse pharmaceutical reactions, to cardiac arrest. Students will learn to survey each setting in which a patient is located in order to assess safety, and practice sanitation skills. Students will learn the process, techniques and procedures involved in rehabilitative care. Students will learn their role in the process of rehabilitation. This course also provides training in geriatric care. Students will learn communication techniques and real world circumstances involved in caring for the elderly. Students will become oriented as to the purpose and history of home health care. Students will learn about the medical workers involved in home health care and the role of the home health aide in the home health setting. Students will practice patient care skills and administrative skills involved in home health; this includes new born care and children with disabilities. In Services: Assistance with Self-Administered Medication Training, and Resident Right.

Pre-requisite(s): None

PCT107 Patient Care Technician Procedures and Lab. Skills 60 Clock Hours
(30 Theory Hours /30 Lab Hours)

This course is designed to provide student with knowledge on how to deal with the different types of wounds, wound healing, hot and cold applications and assisting patients with physical examinations. Student will learn how to deal with patient comfort, rest and sleep, mental and health problems, developmental disabilities. Student practices in applying hot compresses, dry sterile dressing, changing leg bag to a drainage bag, inserting catheters, give tube feeding and setting up oxygen administration.

Pre-requisite(s): None

PCT111 PCT/NA Certification Preparation 60 Clock Hours
(30 Theory Hours /30 Lab Hours)

This course is design to prepare the student to take and assure a better passing rate of the Nursing Assistant Certification Board (CNA) exam which is the most recognize certification among employers. The course outline will follow the official CNA blue print to ensure that every major topic will be covered and discussed during the total length of the course.

Pre-requisite(s): PCT103, PCT105, PCT107

PCT115 Patient Care Technician Clinical Externship 60 Clock Hours
(0 Theory Hours /0 Lab Hours/60 Externship Hours)

This 60-hour module is designed to provide the student with supervised, practical hands-on and observational experiences in the field of study. The Student PCT Extern provides direct patient care under the direction of the RN professional to all assigned patients, and maintains a safe patient area. He/she assumes responsibility and accountability for patient care as a team member in order to achieve established outcomes.

Pre-requisite(s): Successful completion of all didactic and lab courses