

PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE - PCT7

Health care is changing at a rapid pace; new or varied approaches to patient care are emerging. One such approach is the use of multi-skilled individuals as patient care technicians (PCTs) who are part of the health care team.

In addition to basic patient care skills, the PCT curriculum includes: medical surgical asepsis, basic anatomy and physiology, cardiac monitoring, electrocardiography, phlebotomy, clerical skills related to patient care, and professional and interpersonal concepts. The PCT program consists of classroom and lab instruction as well as supervised preceptor clinical activities.

Graduates from the Patient Care Technician program will hold a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) certification and be qualified to sit for the National Certified Patient Care Technician (NCPCT) exam, the National Certified Phlebotomy Technician (NCPT) exam, and the National Electrocardiography (NCEKG) exam. Employment opportunities are available at hospitals, clinics, rehabilitation centers, long term care and assisted living facilities, home health, as well as, other health care facilities.

To become eligible for entry into the Patient Care Technician program applicants must:

1. Be at least 18 by the date of program entry.
2. Complete RDG 100 Critical Reading and ENG 100 Introduction to Composition (Non-Degree Credit) or RWR 100 Integrated Transitional Reading and English (Non-Degree Credit), and MAT 032 Developmental Mathematics/ MAT 012 Developmental Mathematics Workshop or have appropriate placement test scores to register for first semester classes.

Note:

1. Drug Testing and background check will be completed upon admission to the program.
2. Students are required to maintain a current American Heart Association "Basic Life Support" certification throughout the program.
3. Students are required to provide and maintain current immunization records.
4. Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Major Studies Courses: The Patient Care Technician program is a one-semester certificate program taught on the Newberry campus in both fall and spring.

Requirements

Courses	Course Title	Credit Hours
Required Course Information		
AHS 110	Patient Care Procedures	2

AHS 144	Phlebotomy Practicum	5
AHS 163	Long-Term Care	5
AHS 177	Cardiac Monitoring Applications	4
Subtotal		16
Total Hours		16

Graduation Plan

Fall Start

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall Semester		
AHS 110	Patient Care Procedures	2
AHS 144	Phlebotomy Practicum	5
AHS 163	Long-Term Care	5
AHS 177	Cardiac Monitoring Applications	4
Hours		16
Total Hours		16

Spring Start

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Spring Semester		
AHS 110	Patient Care Procedures	2
AHS 144	Phlebotomy Practicum	5
AHS 163	Long-Term Care	5
AHS 177	Cardiac Monitoring Applications	4
Hours		16
Total Hours		16

Application and Advising

If you are ready to start your education, there are a few simple steps involved in enrolling at Piedmont Technical College.

Get Started Today (<https://www.ptc.edu/admissions/new-students/>)

Advising Information

The following information provides a guide for advisors who are helping students enroll in this program.

Once the student has completed or exempted the prerequisites for the Patient Care Tech (AHS) program courses, contact the program director for enrollment into Patient Care Tech coursework.

Program Notes

This program is offered on the Newberry Campus. Program is offered fall and spring terms.

Student must complete developmental/transitional courses as needed prior to enrollment in AHS classes.

Once the student has met the prerequisites for the Patient Care Tech (AHS) program courses, contact the program director for enrollment into Patient Care Tech coursework. These prerequisites may be met by:

- Completion of RDG 100, ENG 100 and MAT 032
- Placement scores exempting the above coursework
- College level English and math coursework
- A combination of the above

Exemption credit may be awarded for AHS 163 for students with current CNA certification.

Health Care Division Handbook

This handbook is designed to be utilized in conjunction with the PTC Academic Catalog, PTC Student Calendar and Handbook and PTC Health Care webpages. Please refer to them for additional information.

Read the Handbook (https://www.ptc.edu/sites/default/files/documents/new_healthcare_documents/hc-handbook.pdf)

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Purpose Statement

The Patient Care Technician program is committed to the development of a multi-skilled health care provider. Through didactic and clinical experience the students will be prepared in the medical and surgical asepsis, basic anatomy and physiology, electrocardiography, phlebotomy, law and ethics issues.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate knowledge of OSHA and CDC requirements.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of human anatomy.
3. Perform within the legal and ethical boundaries of a patient care technician.
4. Apply basic principles of electrocardiogram interpretation.
5. Perform emergency procedures.
6. Provide proper patient care.
7. Apply laboratory safety rules.