

Patient Care Technician Certificate in Applied Science

Mission Statement:

The Patient Care Technician program has designed a curriculum that is educationally flexible and provides career mobility. Graduates are prepared to practice safely within their identified scope of practice and to promote, protect, and improve the health of the diverse community. Further, it is the mission of the Patient Care Technician Program to actively develop and maintain collaborative partnerships with its diverse health care community and meet rapidly changing employment needs. The student will graduate with the necessary skills to function as an entry-level patient care technician.

Entrance Requirements:

Acceptable placement test score(s); plus high school diploma or GED. Must be 18 years old.

Type of Program:

Day

Employment Opportunities:

Hospitals, doctors' offices, medical clinics, nursing homes, home health

- This program provides students with the knowledge and skills to prepare for a position as a patient care technician, which is an unlicensed, assistive person working under the direction and supervision of a registered nurse.
- The program is offered in day only at the Northwest campus and is completed in one semester. Contact department for specific details of class schedules.
- Prior to class registration, students must
 - Complete the online PCT Career Talk.
 - Meet minimum requirements to be placed into MAT 105 & ENG 101.
 - Complete Letter of Intent and pay non-refundable deposit of \$100 prior to day of registration.
- Students completing the Patient Care Technician Program receive points on the weighted admission form for Nursing and other health care programs offered at GTC.
- Students must be able to attend all clinical experiences.
- Students must have evidence of a valid healthcare provider CPR certification, preclinical orientation and completed health physical, including required immunizations, as a course requirement for NUR 151.
- A crime-free criminal background check is required for clinical experiences.
- A negative 10-panel drug screen is required for clinical experiences. Random drug screens may be performed throughout the program.
- After registering for the PCT program, students are required to attend a scheduled mandatory orientation meeting.

Required courses:

NUR	151	Basic Patient Care I	3.0
NUR	152	Basic Patient Care II	3.0
NUR	153	PCT Clinical Experiences	2.0
AHS	142	Phlebotomy	2.0

Total Required Credit Hours:

10.0

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