



Patient Care Technician

As a Patient Care Technician/Assistant, you may perform some or all the following tasks.

- Provide basic patient care — bathing, feeding, catheter care, etc.
- Acquire, distribute and administer patient care supplies.
- Perform safety checks and ensure cleanliness in patient rooms.
- Accommodate the special needs of patients accordingly.
- Obtain EKG readings and monitor vital signs.
- Perform phlebotomy procedures.
- Provide emotional support to patients and families, particularly coping with grief and death.

Prerequisite courses include:

- AHA CPR-Basic Life Support/Healthcare Providers
- Medical Terminology with Anatomy & Physiology
- Healthcare Professionalism

Core courses in Tri-County's program include:

- Nurse Aide with Alzheimer's & Dementia
- Electrocardiography Technician
- Phlebotomy Technician

DETAILS

Entry & Clinical Requirements

- Picture ID (ex. Driver's License)
- Health Care Application
- A High School Diploma or GED
- National Background Check, such as SR&I or PreCheck
- 10-Panel Drug Screen
- Flu Shot
- Proof of 2 MMR Immunizations or Titer
- Proof of 2 Varicella-Zoster (Chicken Pox) Immunizations or Titer
- Proof of 3 Hepatitis B Immunizations OR Signed Declination Form
- 2 PPD (TB) 2-step Skin Tests (4 Total steps) – 3 months before clinical
- Tdap Immunization within past 10 years
- COVID-19 Vaccine

Program Details

- Class format is online, self-study and includes review modules, practice exams, and national certification exam. It will take approximately three weeks.
- Upon successful completion of program requirements, students will be able to sit for SC State Certification (SC Nurse Aide Certification), EKG certification with NHA, and Phlebotomy certification with ASCP. They will also be able to sit for the Certified Patient Care Technician/Assistant (CPCT/A) with NHA.

Career Outlooks and Average Salaries

Job Title	What You Do	Salary			# Job Openings
		Entry	Median	Skilled	
Home Health Aides	Monitor the health status of an individual with disabilities or illness, and address their health-related needs. Work is performed under the direction of offsite or intermittent onsite licensed nursing staff. Provide assistance with routine healthcare tasks or activities of daily living, such as feeding, bathing, toileting, or ambulation. May also help with tasks such as preparing meals, doing light housekeeping, and doing laundry depending on the patient's abilities.	$17,353	$22,930	$31,526	2,332
Nursing Assistants	Provide or assist with basic care or support under the direction of onsite licensed nursing staff. Perform duties such as monitoring of health status, feeding, bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, or ambulation of patients in a health or nursing facility. Includes nursing care attendants, nursing aides, and nursing attendants.	$23,080	$28,890	$36,675	1,079
Personal Care Aides	Provide personalized assistance to individuals with disabilities or illness who require help with personal care and activities of daily living support (e.g., feeding, bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, and ambulation). May also provide help with tasks such as preparing meals, doing light housekeeping, and doing laundry. Work is performed in various settings depending on the needs of the care recipient and may include locations such as their home, place of work, out in the community, or at a daytime nonresidential facility.	$17,353	$22,930	$31,526	2,332
Phlebotomists	Draw blood for tests, transfusions, donations, or research. May explain the procedure to patients and assist in the recovery of patients with adverse reactions.	$27,719	$34,513	$38,659	122



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