

PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN

300 Clock Hours

Approximate Duration in Weeks: 15 (for Day classes), 18 (for Evening classes)

Program Description

This course is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to become a Patient Care Technician by first attaining to meet or exceed the standards for the state's nursing aide license. Graduates are trained to work in the acute hospital/clinic setting, as well as Chronic, long-term care settings. The students will learn about the topics that will help them attain comprehensive knowledge and skills related to the patient care job duties.

After completion of the program, student will appear for the Connecticut Nurse Aide Exam. The program utilizes the instructor-led method of teaching. The program has a particular set of books and materials to serve as the fundamental reference guide for the subject.

Program Objective

The objective of the PCT program is to prepare students for entry-level patient care technician jobs as well as equip them with the skills and knowledge required to assist in direct patient care.

Professional Credentials and Graduation Requirement

After completion of the course CNA 110 and CNA 255, students must appear and successfully pass the Connecticut Nurse Aide Exam. Successful completion of all courses and the State of Connecticut, Nurse Aid exam is required to be considered a graduate.

Employment

PCT is employed at any long-term health care facilities including convalescent centers and hospitals.

Program Layout

Term	Module	Course Title	Theory	Lab	Clinical
Term I					
	Mod 1	EKG 113 Electrocardiography	45	25	
	Mod 2	PHL 113 Phlebotomy	50	30	
	Mod 3	CNA 110 Nursing Assistant	80	40	
	Mod 4	CNA 255 CNA Externship			30
			175	95	30

Total Clock Hours- 300

Course Description

CNA 110 Nursing Assistant (core module)

In this module, the students will be provided with the knowledge and skills necessary to become certified as a Nurse Aide in the State of Connecticut, by meeting the standard curriculum suggested by the state of CT.

EKG 113 Electrocardiography

This module will cover comprehensive information on the normal anatomy and physiology of the heart, the conduction pathway, 12-lead EKG, normal and abnormal heart rhythms. The students will perform the EKG on each other to learn how to perform the same.

This module will also cover the basics of treadmill (stress) tests and Holter monitoring.

PHL 113 Phlebotomy

In this module the students will learn basic venipunctures techniques on the practice arm along with dermal punctures and butterflies. They will learn the blood order of draws and different tubes to be used for different blood tests.

CNA 255 CNA Externship (core module)

This course will provide the student with hands-on experience to practice the skills learned in the CNA 110 module in a long term care center in the observation of clinical instructor.

Externships allow students to develop skills and contacts within the profession while they explore various career opportunities.

Required pre-requisite for the module: CNA 110