

Certified Patient Care Technician

Aligned Program of Study: Nursing Services

Description

Doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals rely on Patient Care Technicians/Assistants to assist with the critical day-to-day care some patients require. The CPCT/A provides hands-on assistance to serve the patients' basic needs, as well as work alongside other healthcare professionals. More and more patients require special care, sometimes around-the-clock. Needs vary from patient to patient, making it vital that the Patient Care Technician/Assistant has a diverse range of knowledge and skills to provide their basic care. Note: This certification is not interchangeable with a Certified Nursing Assistant. For employment in a long-term care facility, caregivers must be Certified Nursing Assistants.

Preparing to offer the certification

Required Instructor Qualification

This course can only be taught by Registered Nurses with a Health Science endorsement.

Exam Details

Unlike the Certified Nursing Technician test, this test is knowledge-based. There is no skills portion.

Vendors with Data Sharing MOU with TDOE

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National Center for Testing Competency	National Center for Testing Competency	Test handbook
National Healthcareer Association*	PSI Exams	Online instructions

Other things to consider when selecting a vendor

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