Certified Patient Care Technician (CPCT)

Aligned Program of Study: Nursing Services
Aligned Courses: Nursing Education (6000) followed by Clinical Internship (5933)

Accreditation

Accreditation is the process by which a credentialing or educational program is evaluated against defined standards and is awarded recognition if it is in compliance with those standards. The Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) currently offers accreditation to professional certification programs through the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) which is recognized by the Department of Defense. All Health Science promoted industry certification credentialing companies are accredited through ICE.

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 Certified Nursing Assistant. For employment in a long term care facility, caregivers must be Certified Nursing Assistants.

Materials and Resources
There are a variety of training materials and resources found on the nhanow website here:
http://www.nhanow.com/certifications/study-materials

Testing Sites
The Certified Personal Care Technician exam is delivered in proctored environments at PSI exams. Testing Centers can be found at this link: https://candidate.psiexams.com/index.jsp

Test Owner and Registration
National Healthcareer Association
11161 Overbrook Road
Leawood, KS 66211
Phone: (800) 499-9092; email: info@nhanow

Registration Procedures

Candidate profiles are created on the NHA website: www.nhanow.com. All candidates affiliated with an NHA authorized testing institution must apply for a specific certification exam date. Step-by-step instructions for applying for an exam if the candidate's profile is associated with an institution can be found on the NHA Help Center FAQ under the question "How do I register for an exam?" The results from the exams will be available on the NHA website within two (2) business days from completion of scoring. While it's not required that you purchase NHA study materials to take or pass your exam, various study materials are available for purchase through the NHA online store. Additional resources to study are available on this list.

Exam Codes	Certified Patient Care Technician
Website	Nhanow.com
Number of Questions	110 scored questions, 10 pretest items
Type of Questions	Multiple choice
Length of Test	1 1/2 hours
Price	$155