

Patient Care Technician Certificate

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SAMPLE PROGRAM SEQUENCE

	Semester Credits
FIRST SEMESTER	
SCI1120 Human Biology	3
PCT1010 Foundations of Patient Care.....	6
MED1130 Medical Emergencies and Electrocardiography	3
SOC2225 Introduction to Psychology.....	3
HEA2200 Medical Terminology.....	3
SECOND SEMESTER	
PCT1320 Advanced Patient Care.....	3
MED1140 Specimen Collection and Procedures	3
PCT2320 Patient Care Practicum.....	3
PCT2700 Patient Care Capstone	3
PCT2310 Patient Care Communication	3

33 SEMESTER CREDITS
REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

NOTE: Governing regulations may disqualify individuals from obtaining professional certification in this field based upon health or criminal records. Therefore, in addition to meeting the immunization requirements of Berkeley College and the State of New Jersey, students applying to the Patient Care Technician (PCT) program must provide authorization for a criminal background check prior to registration and submit a physical assessment by a licensed medical professional prior to participating in clinical rotations. Students are required to purchase their own malpractice insurance.

Extensive criminal background checks may be repeated after admission at the request of clinical facilities, and positive findings may prevent students from completing the clinical portion of the program, graduating, and participating in certification exams. Health requirements required for clinical courses are extensive and may total several hundred dollars. The costs of these health requirements are borne by the student.

The minimum passing grade required for Patient Care Technician (PCT) and Medical (MED) courses is a C. Any grade below a C is a failing grade. In order to pass a PCT course that consists of both didactic and clinical/laboratory portions, students must receive at least a C for the didactic portion of the course and a P for the clinical/laboratory portion. A failure in either the didactic or clinical/laboratory portion of a PCT course will result in a failing grade for the entire course. Therefore, only a PCT course in which students receive at least a C will satisfy the course requirements for the Patient Care Technician program.

To qualify for graduation, students enrolled in the Patient Care Technician program must pass all PCT and MED courses with a minimum grade of C as well as participate in the Certified Patient Care Technician/Assistant (CPCT/A) certification examination. Although certification is not required to work in most states, employers prefer to hire certified Patient Care Technicians.

Under certain circumstances the need to take developmental College Skills courses may lengthen the time required to complete the student's program, and may result in increased costs to a student.

For more information about Berkeley College graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed programs, and other important disclosures, please visit BerkeleyCollege.edu/gainful-employment/patient_care_technician_certificate_statistics_sem.htm.