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## Patient Care

### PCT101 Fundamentals of Patient Care

4 Credit Hours

This course introduces students to the fundamental components of patient care and the application of techniques and procedures required to provide basic care to patients. This course consists of a didactic and laboratory portion. In the didactic portion, students learn about infection control, safety procedures, rest/sleep guidelines, and the application of proper body mechanics. The laboratory portion allows students hands-on demonstration, practice, and validation of skills.



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### PCT111 Patient Care Procedures

4 Credit Hours

This course continues to build the foundational knowledge required to provide safe and effective patient care. Students learn about vital signs; nutrition and fluid intake; comfort, rest, and sleep; managing patients with injuries; and assisting in the nursing process of patient admission, discharge, and transfer. Within each system, students explore the relevant anatomy and physiology and common conditions and disorders. The laboratory portion of this course allows students hands-on demonstration, practice, and validation of skills.

Prerequisite: PCT101



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### PCT122 Introduction to Clinical

2 Credit Hours

This course introduces students to the different roles and responsibilities of healthcare providers who work in nursing care settings as well as the legal and ethical considerations associated with these positions. Topics include patient rights, the role of the Patient Care Technician, communications, legal and ethical aspects of healthcare, and end-of-life care. Students enrolled in this class will take the American Heart Association CPR for Healthcare Providers course.

### PCT132 Advanced Patient Care Techniques

4 Credit Hours

This course continues to build the foundational knowledge required to provide safe and effective patient care. Topics include urinary and bowel elimination, the patient going to surgery, wound care, respiratory support and therapies, rehabilitation and restorative nursing, cancer, the nervous system, and cardiovascular systems. Within each system, students explore the relevant anatomy and physiology and common conditions and disorders. The laboratory portion of this course allows students hands-on demonstration, practice, and validation of skills.

Prerequisite: PCT111

### PCT232 Patient Care Practicum

3 Credit Hours

This course consists of supervised clinical practice in an acute care setting under the supervision of a New Jersey licensed Registered Nurse. Learning experiences allow students to develop competence in providing patient-focused basic care skills, including vital signs, cold/heat application, dressing changes, caring for patients with an IV, caring for patients on oxygen, intake/output, bathing, toileting, dressing, feeding, positioning, and transfer techniques.

Prerequisites: CPR certification and completion of all departmental physical forms, including purchase of malpractice insurance.  
Prerequisite or corequisite: PCT132

### PCT256 Home Healthcare Techniques and Clinical

4 Credit Hours

This course introduces students to the proper application of patient care techniques and procedures within a home healthcare setting. In the didactic portion of this course, students learn about the role and responsibilities of the Homemaker-HHA and the associated legal and ethical considerations. Students learn about infant and child care and housekeeping. This course addresses patient safety, personal safety, standard precautions, death/dying, and

emergencies as they apply to the safe and effective care of patients in a home healthcare environment. The laboratory portion of this course allows students hands-on demonstration, practice, and validation of skills. Clinical practice will be provided in either a laboratory or clinical setting under the direct supervision of a New Jersey licensed Registered Nurse.

Prerequisites: PCT111, PCT122, CPR certification, and completion of all departmental physical forms, including purchase of malpractice insurance  
Prerequisite or corequisite: PCT132

### **PCT270 Patient Care Capstone**

**4 Credit Hours**

Students apply the knowledge, skills, and techniques attained throughout the program. Critical thinking and teamwork skills are assessed through case studies reflecting the Patient Care Technician's workplace.

Prerequisites: BUS226, PCT101, PCT111, PCT122, PCT132, departmental approval, CPR Certification