

# PSYCHIATRIC TECHNOLOGY (PSYTCH) COURSES

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## **PSYTCH 084 19 Units**

### **Introduction to Psychiatric Technology**

**Lecture:** 225 contact hours

**Lab:** 351 contact hours

**Limitation on Enrollment:** Registration is limited to students who have completed program prerequisites and have been accepted into the Psychiatric Technology program.

This course is an introduction to psychiatric technology emphasizing basic therapeutic communication, pharmacology, growth and development, developmental disabilities, behavior modification, nutrition, and nursing care, including application of basic nursing skills to the care of clients with developmental disabilities.

**Associate Degree Applicable**

## **PSYTCH 085 12 Units**

### **Psychiatric Technology: Nursing Science**

**Lecture:** 135 contact hours

**Lab:** 243 contact hours

**Prerequisite:** PSYTCH 084

**Limitation on Enrollment:** Registration is limited to students who have completed the program prerequisites and have been accepted into the Psychiatric Technology program.

This course is the study of basic nursing science concepts and skills with emphasis on nursing care for pediatric, adult and geriatric clients with medical and surgical disorders. Application of theory to the care of physically ill clients in acute and long-term care agencies.

**Associate Degree Applicable**

## **PSYTCH 086 19 Units**

### **Introduction to Psychiatric Technology: Behavioral Science**

**Lecture:** 225 contact hours

**Lab:** 351 contact hours

**Prerequisite:** PSYTCH 084

**Limitation on Enrollment:** Registration is limited to students who have completed prerequisites and have been accepted into the Psychiatric Technology program.

This course is a study of psychiatric mental disorders with emphasis on causes, clinical manifestations, diagnosis, interventions and treatments. Included is the application of mental health theory to the basic nursing care of clients in acute, long-term care, and state mental health institutional settings.

**Associate Degree Applicable**

## **PSYTCH 601 Noncredit**

### **Psychiatric Technician Licensure Exam Preparation**

**Lecture:** 18 contact hours

This noncredit course prepares students that have completed or are nearing completion of the psychiatric technology program for the state administered licensing examination for psychiatric technicians. This course is also recommended for students who desire refresher training. Topics include, but are not limited to, nursing science – theory and techniques, basic nursing, developmental disabilities, medications, psychiatric mental health nursing. Also included are some basic test-taking techniques to increase proficiency on the state exam.