

PSYCHIATRIC TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

This certificate is designed to prepare students for employment as a Psychiatric Technician, providing care and participating in the treatment of mentally and developmentally disabled clients. Learning activities are conducted on the college campus and a variety of community agencies.

The curriculum prepares students to take the California Psychiatric Technician license examination. The Psychiatric Technology program is accredited by the California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians.

Students must complete program prerequisites, apply and be accepted into the Psychiatric Technology program. To enroll in the program, students must pass a background check and meet health requirements. The California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians may deny a license based on any conviction or action substantially related to Psychiatric Technician practice.

Code	Title	Units
General Education Requirements:		
Biology (4-8 units)		
BIOL 155	Introductory Anatomy and Physiology	4
BIOL 250 & BIOL 251	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology II	8
BIOL 260 & BIOL 261	Human Anatomy and Human Physiology	8
English		
ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H	Freshman Composition Freshman Composition-Honors	4
Mathematics ¹		0-4
MATH 108 or ECON 208 or PSYCH 105	Introduction to Probability and Statistics Business and Economic Statistics Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	
Psychology		
PSYCH 100 or PSYCH 100H	General Psychology General Psychology - Honors	3
Required Courses:		
PSYTCH 084	Introduction to Psychiatric Technology	17
PSYTCH 085	Psychiatric Technology: Nursing Science	12
PSYTCH 086	Introduction to Psychiatric Technology: Behavioral Science	17
Total Units		57-65

¹ or place into a transfer-level Math course.

Students working for certificates must have a basic knowledge of arithmetic, reading and writing in order to learn and work in the occupations they select.

This is a Gainful Employment Program

Program Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Use an online simulated Psychiatric Technology State Board Certification examination (BVNPT) to prepare for the BVNPT licensure exam.
- Safe and timely administration of medication, including injections.
- Calculate pharmacological dosages with 100% accuracy.
- Apply therapeutic communication when interacting with patients.
- Utilize case studies to make informed decisions about patient care.