

PSYCHIATRIC TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE

This degree prepares students to become Psychiatric Technicians who deliver high-quality, compassionate, and culturally responsive care while supporting patients in achieving optimal wellness. The curriculum emphasizes respect for diverse backgrounds, inclusive practices, and equitable treatment in a variety of healthcare settings. Graduates are eligible to take the state licensing examination. The program is accredited by the California State Board of Vocational Nurses and Psychiatric Technicians. Students are admitted in Fall and Spring and must complete prerequisites, required coursework, and a formal application process designed to support broad access and opportunity. Enrollment requires a Livescan background check and health clearance. California law may deny licensure based on certain convictions or legal actions related to practice.

Code	Title	Units
General Education (GE) Requirements:		
Biology - Select on course sequence (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 C1000	Academic Reading and Writing or ENGL C1000H Academic Reading and Writing - Honors	4
Statistics:		
PSYC 105	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences or STAT C1000 Introduction to Statistics or STAT C1000H Introduction to Statistics - Honors or ECON 208 Business and Economic Statistics	4
Psychology:		
PSYC C1000	Introduction to Psychology or PSYC C1000H Introduction to Psychology - Honors	3
Required Courses:		
PSYTCH 080	Psychiatric Technology: Introduction to Nursing Science	19.5
PSYTCH 081	Developmental Disabilities	19.5
PSYTCH 082	Psychiatric Mental Health Disorders	13
Total Units		67-71

To earn an SBVC Associate Degree students must complete one of the following General Education (GE) patterns:

- SBVC General Education and Graduation Requirements (<https://www.valleycollege.edu/student-services/counseling/articulation/graduation-requirements-current.php>)
- Cal-GETC - California General Education Transfer Curriculum (<https://www.valleycollege.edu/student-services/counseling/articulation/calgetc.php>)

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.
- Apply safe and timely medication administration practices, including preparation and delivery of injections.
- Calculate pharmacological dosages.
- Apply and interpret therapeutic communication techniques during patient interactions, demonstrating respect for diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and communication needs.
- Develop and discuss case studies/care plans to prioritize patient care.