

PSYCHIATRIC TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

This certificate prepares students to become Psychiatric Technicians who deliver high-quality, compassionate, and culturally responsive care while supporting patients in achieving optimal wellness. Graduates are prepared to take the California Psychiatric Technician licensing examination. The program is accredited by the California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians. Students must complete prerequisites, required coursework, and a formal application process. Training includes campus instruction and supervised experiences in diverse community settings. Enrollment requires a background check and health clearance. Licensure may be denied based on convictions or actions related to practice.

- d. Apply and interpret therapeutic communication techniques during patient interactions, demonstrating respect for diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and communication needs.
- e. Develop and discuss case studies/care plans to prioritize patient care.

Code	Title	Units
General Education (GE) Requirements:		
Biology - Select one 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 or ENGL C1000H	Academic Reading and Writing Academic Reading and Writing - Honors	4
Statistics:		
PSYC 105 or STAT C1000 or STAT C1000H or ECON 208	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences Introduction to Statistics Introduction to Statistics - Honors Business and Economic Statistics	4
Psychology:		
PSYC C1000 or PSYC C1000H	Introduction to Psychology 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

This is a Gainful Employment program.

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.

Program Learning Outcomes

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

- a. Use an online simulated Psychiatric Technology State Board Certification examination (BVNPT) to prepare for the BVNPT licensure exam.
- b. Apply safe and timely medication administration practices, including preparation and delivery of injections.
- c. Calculate pharmacological dosages.