



# PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN

Includes Nurse Assistant, Acute Care for Nursing, and Home Health Aide training.

Financial Aid available for those who qualify.

LOCATION	TIME	DAYS	TERM	CLOCK HOURS	FEE*
School of Career Education, Main Campus, 2100 E. Alessandro Blvd., Riverside, CA 92508	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	T-F*	20 weeks	600	\$9,900
Don F. Kenny Regional Learning Center, Branch Campus, 47-336 Oasis Street, Indio, CA 92201	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	T-F*	20 weeks	600	\$9,900

\*Program fee DOES NOT include enrollment prerequisites, immunizations, health clearances, program require or required materials.

\*Internship portion of the program will take place Monday - Friday\* (pending approval.) \*Schedules and fees are subject to change without notice.

## WHERE WOULD I WORK?

- Skilled nursing facility.
- Hospital.
- Assisted living facility.
- Residential health agency.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Patient Care Technician, formally known as Nursing Services and Support Occupations, is a three-phase program that is based on the Health Science and Medical Technology industry sector of the California Career Technical Education Model Curriculum Standards.

**PCT 101** is the nurse assistant course, which exceeds the mandated 160 hours by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). This combined lecture/lab course teaches the student the theory and clinical skills needed to work with residents/patients in a skilled nursing facility or rehabilitation facility. It is designed to provide the student with the knowledge and skills necessary to perform basic care services for a patient in an acute care setting or a resident in a long-term care setting. Students who successfully complete the course can sit for the California State Certification as a Nurse Assistant. First Aid certification through the American Heart Association (AHA) is included in this portion of the course.

**PCT 102** emphasizes instructions in acute care for the Certified Nurse Assistant in an acute care facility. The course provides a comprehensive review of nursing assistant skills with emphasis on acute care units, such as medical, surgical, pediatric, obstetric, orthopedic, etc. The Certified Nurse Assistant will have the opportunity to be trained in various departments of the acute care facility within their scope of practice. Students are prepared for certification in Basic Life Support (BLS) Healthcare Provider CPR through the AHA. In addition to the certification, students are introduced to basic knowledge of electrocardiogram (EKG).

**PCT 103** is the combined lecture/lab course for home health aide, which teaches the student the theory and clinical skills needed to work with clients in the home care setting. Upon successful completion of this portion of the program, the instructor will submit the names of eligible students to the CDPH for certification as a Home Health Aide (CDPH makes the final decision in all certification eligibility.)

## MEDIAN 2020 WAGES\*

	HOURLY	ANNUALLY
CALIFORNIA	\$18.06	\$37,560
INLAND EMPIRE	\$17.35	\$36,090

\*Data based upon wages and employment averages for Nurse Assistants in California: [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org). Completion, Placement, and Licensure available on website at [www.riversidesce.org](http://www.riversidesce.org)

\*Currently no information on median 2021 wages available.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Official high school transcript or equivalent.
- Completion of required assessment test.
- Current government-issued photo ID.
- Social Security card or right-to-work documentation.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- Maintain a minimum 76% grade-point average and a 93% attendance rate.
- Basic keyboarding and computer skills to facilitate learning of software.
- Access to a computer or laptop with internet access.
- Fingerprinting and background check will be required.

## INCLUDED IN THE COST OF PROGRAM FEES:

- Textbooks.
- Two uniform sets and one lab coat.
- Fingerprinting.
- American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR and First Aid trainings and cards.
- Internship included in program.
- Nurse Assistant certification exam.