Patient Care Technician (PCT) Training

Patient Care Technicians (PCTs) work alongside nurses, physicians and other healthcare professionals to provide direct patient care in a hospital setting. SSM Health is seeking qualified individuals who want to attend training for work as a full time PCT in area hospitals, primarily on the night shift. The 10-week non-credit accelerated training program combines 7 weeks of classroom instruction with 3 weeks of clinical practice. This training satisfies the requirements of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAP).

Training Dates:
- November 4, 2019 through January 25, 2020 (No class between Dec. 23-Jan. 1)

Prerequisites:
- Must be 18 years of age.
- High school diploma or high school equivalent.
- SSM Health has a nicotine-free policy. Must be tobacco free for the past 6 months.

Program Costs:
- Qualified individuals that are selected for the program will be hired by SSM Health as a Patient Sitter PRN.
- Training program tuition is included. The starting wage for the Patient Sitter is $12.00 per hour. Upon successful completion of PCT program, the wage will increase to the Clinical Partner rate $12.26 per hour.

Current Eligibility:
- Complete all applications and intake steps in the Healthcare Workforce Training (HWT) program.
- Assessments: Health Care Readiness Assessment (HCRA), WorkKeys
- Interview with STLCC career pathway coach and SSM Health clinical partner.
- Register with the Missouri Family Care Safety Registry.
- Pass a criminal background check, drug screen panel, and physical exam with documented proof of immunizations or titers.

Program Highlights:
- Seven (7) weeks of classroom activities held at the Forest Park campus
  - Tuesday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Three (3) weeks of clinical practice at SSM Health hospitals
  - Clinical hours will include 12-hour shifts

What You Will Learn:
- Perform the basic patient care skills required of UAP/PCT working in an acute care setting.
- Demonstrate safe practices while caring for patients.
- Apply generic healthcare knowledge.
- Demonstrate workplace behavior skills.
- Perform basic respiratory skills.
- Perform the basic clerical skills required of UAP/PCT working in an acute care setting.

SSM Health Advantages:
- SSM Health Mission: Through our exceptional health care services, we reveal the healing presence of God.
- SSM Health is one of the largest Catholic health systems in the country and is dedicated to quality and compassionate care for anyone in need, regardless of ability to pay.
- SSM Health values their exceptional employees. They are committed to helping their employees lead a healthy lifestyle by offering a comprehensive benefits package to fit their needs – including those that promote physical, financial, and emotional well-being.

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