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. PCTs provide patient care under direct nursing supervision.

This 9 to 10 week non-credit accelerated training program combines 6 or 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).

Next Class:
- TBD

Prerequisites:
- Must be 18 years of age
- High school diploma or high school equivalent
- Must be selected for the program

Current Eligibility:
- Complete an online application at stlcc.edu/PCT
- Attend mandatory information session or career fair event to begin intake process
- Complete assessments and meet benchmarks: Health Care Readiness Assessment (HCRA), WorkKeys
- Demonstrate academic and career readiness
- Interview with STLCC career pathway coach and clinical practice partner(s)
- Register with the Missouri Family Care Safety Registry
- Criminal background check, drug screen, physical exam, and documented proof of immunizations or titers

Program Highlights:
- Six (6) weeks of classroom activities held at St. Louis Community College. Classroom locations include STLCC-Forest Park, the William J. Harrison Education Center, or Corporate College.
  - Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
- Three (3) weeks of clinical practice held at local hospital
  - Clinical hours may include 12-hour day shifts and weekends

What You Will Learn:
- Perform the basic patient care skills required of unlicensed assistive personnel 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 unlicensed assistive personnel working in an acute care setting

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