

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-week non-credit accelerated training program combines 6 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:

- January 2019

Prerequisites:

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

Program Costs:

- Funding will be provided for those selected for the program

Current Eligibility:

- Complete all intake steps in the Healthcare Workforce Training (HWT) program
 - Online application
 - Assessments: Health Care Readiness Assessment (HCRA), WorkKeys, digital literacy
 - Demonstrate course readiness: reading proficiency
 - Interview with career pathway coach
 - Interview with clinical practice partner
- Register with the Missouri Family Care Safety Registry.
- Employable as an unlicensed assistive personnel working in an acute care setting.
- Pass a criminal background check.
- Pass a drug screen panel.
- Pass a physical exam with documented proof of immunizations or titers.

Program Highlights:

- Six (6) weeks of classroom activities held at the Forest Park campus
 - Monday – Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Three (3) weeks of clinical practice for adult patients at local SSM Health hospitals or pediatric patients at Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital
 - Clinical hours will include 12-hour day shifts

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.

Clinical and Field Work:

Some degree and certificate programs offered by St. Louis Community College require students to obtain clinical or other field experience as part of their course work. Hospitals and facilities may mandate that a criminal background check and/or drug screening check be conducted prior to placement in a clinical or field setting and as part of an employer's screening process. Students not passing these checks may be prohibited from participating in the clinical or field experience thus rendering the student ineligible to satisfactorily meet the course/program requirements, and/or ineligible for hire.

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