Patient Care Technician AAS DEGREE

Program Overview
Patient Care Technicians or PCTs work with doctors, nurses and other health care professionals to provide direct patient care in a variety of health care environments. The responsibilities of a patient care technician include caring for injured, physically ill, mentally ill, and disabled patients in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living communities, physicians’ offices, long-term care or other medical facilities. Graduates who complete this specialized training from Saint Paul College may go on to further advancement in the medical field, by way of becoming a certified Patient Care Technician. The Patient Care Technician program offers opportunities to individuals interested in entering the health care field and to those currently employed in the field who wish to seek additional credentials to complement their current skill set.

Successful students will obtain five certifications:
1. Registered Nursing Assistant & Home Health Aide (NA-R)
2. Training Medication Aide (TMA)
3. Certified EKG Technician (CET)
4. Phlebotomy Certification
5. Certified Patient Care Technician (CPCT)

Career Opportunities
Employment of patient care technicians is projected to grow 17 percent from 2014 to 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations. Because of the growing elderly population, many nursing assistants and orderlies will be needed to assist and care for these patients.

Program Outcomes
1. Demonstrate knowledge and skills necessary to function as a member of the health care team.
2. Explain how the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliance regulation impacts workers in the health care industry.
3. Interact with clients, their support persons, and the health care team using appropriate communication techniques.
4. Institute and maintain principles of infection control.
5. Demonstrate professionalism and ethical conduct in the workplace.
6. Become employed in the healthcare industry.

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Program Requirements
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General Education/MnTC Requirements

Refer to the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Course List for each Goal Area
☐ BIOL 1740 General Biology 1               | 5  |
☐ BIOL 2721 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 | 4  |
☐ BIOL 2722 Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 | 4  |
☐ BIOL 2750 General Microbiology           | 4  |
☐ ENGL 1711 Composition 1                  | 4  |
☐ PHIL 1722 Health Care Ethics             | 3  |
☐ PSYC 1720 Psychology Throughout the lifespan | 3  |
☐ SOCI 1710 Introduction to Sociology      | 4  |
☐ SPCH 1720 Interpersonal Communication    | 3  |

General Education Requirements                              | 34 |

Total Program Credits                                         | 60 |

Transfer Opportunities
Saint Paul College has a transfer articulation agreement between the following program and post-secondary institutions for the baccalaureate degree programs listed below. For more information please go to www.saintpaul.edu/Transfer.

Patient Care Technician AAS
BA Individualized Studies
Metropolitan State University

Program Start Dates
Fall

Course Sequence

First Semester
BIOL 1740 General Biology 1                        | 5  |
HLT 1410 Medical Terminology                      | 1  |
HLT 1432 Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers | 1  |
PSYC 1720 Psychology Throughout the lifespan     | 3  |
SPCH 1720 Interpersonal Communication            | 3  |
Total Semester Credits                             | 13 |

Second Semester
BIOL 2721 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1          | 4  |
ENGL 1711 Composition 1                           | 4  |
HLT 1580 Medical Office Skills for the Patient Care Technician | 3  |
PHIL 1722 Health Care Ethics                      | 3  |
Total Semester Credits                             | 14 |

Third Semester (Summer Session)
NAST 1111 Nursing Assistant & Home Health Aide    | 4  |
NAST 1112 Nursing Assistant Clinical              | 1  |
Total Semester Credits                             | 5  |

Fourth Semester
BIOL 2722 Human Anatomy and Physiology 2          | 4  |
BIOL 2750 General Microbiology                    | 4  |
HLT 1570 Trained Medication Aide                  | 2  |
SOCI 1710 Introduction to Sociology              | 4  |
Total Semester Credits                             | 14 |

Fifth Semester
HLT 1575 EKG & Telemetry                          | 6  |
HLT 1585 Job Readiness/Certification Exam Preparation | 2  |
PHLB 1405 Phlebotomy                              | 4  |
PHLB 1410 Phlebotomy Clinical Experience          | 2  |
Total Semester Credits                             | 14 |

Total Program Credits                                | 60 |

Minimum Program Entry Requirements
Students entering this program must meet the following minimum program entry requirements:

Reading: Score of 78+ or a grade of “C” or better in READ 0722
Writing: Score of 78+ or a grade of “C” or better in ENGL 0922
College Level Mathematics: Score of 50+ or grade of “C” or better in MATH 0920

Assessment Results and Prerequisites:
Students admitted into Saint Paul College programs may need to complete additional courses based on assessment results and course prerequisite requirements. Certain MATH, BIOL, and CHEM courses have additional prerequisites.

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