

# 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.

Licensing or certification exams are independent of graduation requirements. Successful students will be eligible to obtain five certifications:

1. Registered Nursing Assistant & Home Health Aide (NA-R)
2. Trained Medication Aide (TMA)
3. Certified EKG Technician (CET)
4. Phlebotomy Certification
5. Certified Patient Care Technician (CPCT)

## Career Opportunities

Employment of similar occupations, such as nursing assistants and orderlies, is projected to grow 11 percent from 2016 to 2026, faster than the average for all occupations. As the babyboom population ages, nursing assistants and orderlies will be needed to assist and care for elderly 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.

## Program Faculty

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## Program Requirements

Check off when completed

Course	Cr
<input type="checkbox"/> HLTH 1410 Medical Terminology . . . . .	1
<input type="checkbox"/> HLTH 1432 Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers . . . . .	1
<input type="checkbox"/> HLTH 1570 Trained Medication Aide . . . . .	2
<input type="checkbox"/> HLTH 1575 EKG & Telemetry . . . . .	6
<input type="checkbox"/> HLTH 1580 Medical Office Skills for the Patient Care Technician. . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> HLTH 1585 Job Readiness/Certification Exam Preparation . . . . .	2
<input type="checkbox"/> NAST 1111 Nursing Assistant & Home Health Aide . . . . .	4
<input type="checkbox"/> NAST 1112 Nursing Assistant Clinical . . . . .	1
<input type="checkbox"/> PHLB 1405 Phlebotomy . . . . .	4
<input type="checkbox"/> PHLB 1410 Phlebotomy Clinical Experience . . . . .	2
<b>Subtotal. . . . .</b>	<b>26</b>

## General Education/MnTC Requirements

Refer to the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Course List for each Goal Area

<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 1: Communication . . . . .	7
ENGL 1711 Composition 1 – 4 cr	
COMM 1720 Interpersonal Communication – 3 cr	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 3: Natural Sciences . . . . .	17
BIOL 1740 General Biology 1: The Living Cell – 5 cr	
BIOL 2721 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 – 4 cr	
BIOL 2722 Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 – 4 cr	
BIOL 2750 General Microbiology – 4 cr	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 5: History, Social Science and Behavioral Sciences . . . . .	7
PSYC 1720 Psychology Throughout the lifespan – 3 cr	
SOCI 1710 Introduction to Sociology – 4 cr	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts. . . . .	3
PHIL 1722 Health Care Ethics – 3 cr	
<b>General Education Requirements . . . . .</b>	<b>34</b>

**Total Program Credits . . . . . 60**

## Program Start Dates

Fall, Spring, Summer

## Course Sequence

This course sequence is recommended for a fulltime student; however, this sequence is not required. Contact Program Faculty with questions.

*See back of this guide for Program Requirements, and Course Sequence*

### 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

**Arithmetic:** Score of 31+ or grade of "C" or better in MATH 0745

**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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*Information is subject to change.  
This Program Requirements Guide is not a contract.*

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#### First Semester

BIOL 1740 General Biology 1	5
COMM 1720 Interpersonal Communication	3
HLTH 1410 Medical Terminology	1
HLTH 1432 Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers	1
PSYC 1720 Psychology Throughout the lifespan	3
<b>Total Semester Credits</b>	<b>13</b>

#### Second Semester

BIOL 2721 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	4
ENGL 1711 Composition 1	4
HLTH 1580 Medical Office Skills for the Patient Care Technician	3
PHIL 1722 Health Care Ethics	3
<b>Total Semester Credits</b>	<b>14</b>

#### Third Semester (Summer Session)

NAST 1111 Nursing Assistant & Home Health Aide	4
NAST 1112 Nursing Assistant Clinical	1
<b>Total Semester Credits</b>	<b>5</b>

#### Fourth Semester

BIOL 2722 Human Anatomy and Physiology 2	4
BIOL 2750 General Microbiology	4
HLTH 1570 Trained Medication Aide	2
SOCI 1710 Introduction to Sociology	4
<b>Total Semester Credits</b>	<b>14</b>

#### Fifth Semester

HLTH 1575 EKG & Telemetry	6
HLTH 1585 Job Readiness/Certification Exam Preparation	2
PHLB 1405 Phlebotomy	4
PHLB 1410 Phlebotomy Clinical Experience	2
<b>Total Semester Credits</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total Program Credits</b>	<b>60</b>

### 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 [saintpaul.edu/Transfer](http://saintpaul.edu/Transfer).

#### Patient Care Technician AAS

BA Individualized Studies  
Metropolitan State University