Patient Care Technician
Fast Track Certificate

A Program Overview of the Health Sciences Area of Study

Lone Star College patient care technician is a nationally recognized certification for Certified Nurse Aides with Phlebotomy and EKG training. The healthcare career ladder is typically structured so that there is a salary increase for each skill added to the basic Certified Nurse Aide training.

Patient care technicians (PCT), also referred to as patient care assistants or patient care associates, are responsible for providing basic medical care to patients in a health care environment. Patient care assistants perform a number of tasks, such as taking vital signs, assisting with daily living activities, observing patients and charting changes in their health or behavior, escorting patients and obtaining lab specimens.

Typical duties of a hospital patient care aide include taking hospital patients' temperature, blood pressure, pulse, and respiration; assisting patients with basic tasks, such as bathing, dressing, and eating; preparing and administering some medications; collecting specimens for lab tests; monitoring patients; and recording treatment. PCTs may work in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics or other health care settings.

Our program focuses on preparing graduates to work in homes, hospitals, general surgery units and nursing homes. Training generally includes lab work, lectures and clinical rotations, as well as studies in pre and post-operative care, anatomy, nutrition and physiology. Graduates are supervised by a registered nurse or other medical professional, but usually provide direct care to patients.

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Programs At-A-Glance

Patient Care Technician
Fast Track Certificate
Available at LSC-Kingwood, LSC-Montgomery, LSC-North Harris, and LSC-Tomball
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Entry-Level Wage: $20,715

Phlebotomist Certificate
Available at LSC-Kingwood, LSC-Montgomery, LSC-North Harris, and LSC-Tomball
LoneStar.edu/Phlebotomy-CE

Nurse Aide (CNA) Certificate
Available at LSC-CyFair, LSC-Kingwood, LSC-Montgomery, LSC-North Harris, and LSC-Tomball
LoneStar.edu/Nurse-Aide-Certificate

Insurance Liability fee
Prepares for TDADS Nurse Aide State Exam
Nurse Aide Training and Competency Program
National Center for Competency Testing,
National Healthcare Association, American Society for Clinical Pathology


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Representative career titles and job positions for this program plan include:
• Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)
• Patient Care Assistant
• Patient Care Technician

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