

# Certified Patient Care Technician

## October 30, 2016



Certifying Organization	National Health Career Association (NHCA) <a href="http://www.nhanow.com/patient-care-technician.aspx">http://www.nhanow.com/patient-care-technician.aspx</a>													
Description of Credential	The Certified Patient Care Technician/Assistant (CPCT/A) credential allows student job opportunities assisting healthcare professionals in providing direct patient care in a variety of healthcare environments.													
Part of which Graduation Pathways <sup>1</sup>	<u>Integrated</u> : Health Sciences - Patient Care and Management													
<a href="#">Associated with Which Careers?</a>	<p><b>5 Star:</b> Licensed Practical and Vocational Nurses; Medical and Health Services Managers; Physical Therapists; Registered Nurses</p> <p><b>4 Star:</b> Environmental Science and Protection Technicians; Health and Safety Engineers; Healthcare Social Workers; Occupational Health and Safety Specialists</p> <p><b>3 Star:</b> Medical Records and Health Information Technicians; Occupational Health and Safety Technicians</p>													
Entry-Level Annual Salaries	\$20,070 - \$27,250													
<b>Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Students</b>														
Standard / Curriculum	<p>The student will learn:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">a) basic patient care</td> <td style="width: 50%;">b) acquisition and distribution of patient supplies</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c) to change and process bed linens</td> <td>d) patient room safety</td> </tr> <tr> <td>e) hall safety and equipment storage</td> <td>f) to obtain EKG readings, and</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">g) performance of phlebotomy procedures.</td> </tr> </table>						a) basic patient care	b) acquisition and distribution of patient supplies	c) to change and process bed linens	d) patient room safety	e) hall safety and equipment storage	f) to obtain EKG readings, and	g) performance of phlebotomy procedures.	
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Testing Methodology	Paper?	Yes	Online?	Yes	Performance Exams / Tests?	No								
Re-Testing (if available)	Retesting Procedures	The exam may be attempted 2 more times with a 30-day waiting period between each attempt. The full test fee must be paid for each attempt.			Max Attempts	3 (see re-test policies below)								
Testing Details (including any age requirements / accommodations)	<p>To take the certification exam the student must have successfully completed: a) a training program <u>or</u> b) a minimum of one-year work experience in a health field covered by the certification exam. See Pg. 8 of Candidate Handbook</p> <p>The proctored exam of 110 multiple-choice questions must be completed within 1 hour and 50 minutes with a passing scaled score of 390. (Scaled scores can range from 200 to 500 and represent a conversion of the candidate's raw score to allow for comparison between different forms of the same examination. The use of a scaled score provides consistency in reporting passing standards by accounting for the difficulty level of the examination form.)</p> <p>The same level of performance is required to meet the scaled passing score of 390 regardless of which form of an assessment a candidate takes.</p> <p>Candidates scheduled to graduate from high school may take the certification exam and receive a <i>Provisional Certification</i>. Upon graduation, the candidate provides proof of graduation for the conversion of the Provisional Certification to <i>Full Certification</i>.</p> <p>Study guide and practice tests are available (see costs).</p> <p>See <a href="#">NHA Candidate Handbook</a> for testing details, including IEP accommodations requests.</p>													

### Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Teachers

*Bulletin 746, Chapter 5: All Louisiana teachers providing instruction in a course that leads to an IBC must hold the certification that they're teaching students to attain.*

Instructor Certification Requirements (by certifying agency)	The National Healthcareer Association (NHA) should be contacted to set up a school account for student testing and for instructor certification information at (913) 661-6127.				
Proctoring / Test Security (if any)	Proctoring is required. See Candidate Handbook for details. <a href="#">NHA Candidate Handbook</a>				
<b>Certification Tracking</b>					
Credentialing Documentation	Candidates achieving a passing score receive a formal Certificate and a wallet card.				
Certification Tracking System	Online Tracking System?	Yes	Details	Certificates can be verified on the home page of <a href="http://www.nhanow.com">www.nhanow.com</a> under EMPLOYER.	
Other Details	Expiration Timeframe?	The certification expires in 2 years. <b><i>It is not necessary for a student to have a current certification in order to graduate – the Jump Start graduation requirement is attaining this certification at some point.</i></b>			
<b>Certification Costs / Funding Sources</b>					
Cost Details	Exam and application Fees: \$155 Cost for the CPCT study guide and practice test pair is \$65. If purchased separately, cost for the study guide is \$45, and cost for the practice test is \$35. <a href="https://atalliedhealth.com/ati_store/category.aspx?zcid=165">https://atalliedhealth.com/ati_store/category.aspx?zcid=165</a>				
Re-test / Refund Policies	A candidate must wait 30 days after the first attempt before reregistering for the exam. A 30-day wait period must pass between the second and third attempts. The \$155 fee must be paid for each attempt. After the third failed attempt, the candidate must wait one year to reregister for the exam. One-year wait periods are required between subsequent attempts, and the full exam price must be paid to retest.				
Funding Sources <sup>2</sup>	CDF?	Yes	Perkins?	Yes	Alternative Source (other than General Funds)
<b>For More Information</b>					
Certifying Agency Contact Info	Laura Flynn <a href="mailto:Laura.flynn@nhanow.com">Laura.flynn@nhanow.com</a> (800) 499-9092 or (913) 661-5536				
LDE Contact	<a href="mailto:JumpStart@la.gov">JumpStart@la.gov</a>				
Jump Start Regional Team Experts	TBD				

1 – This table may not include all the graduation pathways this credential appears in. Please check the [graduation pathway](#) you are working with if you have a question as to whether or not this credential is part of that pathway.

2 – CDF = [Career Development Fund](#)