Patient Care Technician Frequently Asked Questions

What skills does the Patient Care Technician program include?

The Patient Care Technician program includes three (3) healthcare marketable skills and prepares students for certification and employment in the field of Nurse Aide, Phlebotomy and EKG Technician. Students that successfully pass the Nurse Aide program requirements are eligible to apply for the Louisiana Nurse Aide Competency Evaluation (examination and skills performance) through Prometric (www.prometric.com/nurseaide). The Nurse Aide student/completer will be responsible for the Prometric testing and/or retesting fees.

How long is the CLTCC Patient Care Technician program?

The CLTCC Patient Care Technician is two (2) semesters in length, approximately 9 months. The total program includes 24 credit hours and 690 clock hours.

Can I enroll and take only one skills component/part of the Patient Care Technician program?

Yes, you can enroll in specific skill areas - Example: Phlebotomy. However, the Nurse Aide, Phlebotomy and EKG Technician modules alone are not eligible for financial aid (PELL). The student must declare and enroll as a Patient Care Technician student with intentions and goal of completing all three skills components in order to be eligible for financial aid (PELL) application.

When does the Patient Care Technician class start?

CLTCC starts a Patient Care Technician (cohort) every Fall Semester (August) and completes in the Spring Semester (May).

What are the admission requirements for Patient Care Technician?

Regular admission requirements based on LDH and CLTCC admission guidelines include:

Submit an on-application at www.cltcc.edu

Meet the minimum entrance scores for Patient Care Technician in Reading, English and Math on an approved entrance assessment (ACT, Compass, Accuplacer). Entrance scores must be within previous three (3) years of enrollment date

Pass a pre-admission Drug Screen -- the student will be informed and directed of the random drug screen process. The drug screen must be collected and performed at a designated, approved CLTCC drug screening lab

High School Diploma or Equivalent strongly encouraged

Complete a CLTCC health certification (physical examination) from a licensed healthcare provider and provide proof of required immunizations
Be fingerprinted and pass a LDH and College required Criminal Background Check. Student Criminal Background Check is an Office of State Police Right to Review—if submitted by mail, takes 5 to 8 weeks for processing and return. One-day processing can be completed in Baton Rouge at the Office of State Police. Students are not fully accepted into a nursing/allied health program until receipt of Right to Review Background Check and approval by clinical agencies as applicable.

Is financial aid available?

Yes, the Patient Care Technician program is eligible for state and federal financial aid based on individual student eligibility. Additional financial aid information is available at the CLTCC Campus.