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 – Nurse Assistant, Phlebotomy and EKG Technician. Students that successfully complete the Nurse Assistant program requirements are eligible to apply for the Louisiana Nurse Aide Competency Evaluation (written examination and skills performance) through Prometric – www.prometric.com/nurseaide

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 Assistant, 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). Nurse Assistant and other required courses are offered in the Fall semester; Phlebotomy and EKG Technician courses are offered in the Spring semester. Nurse Assistant classes may also be offered during the Summer Semester.

What are the admission requirements for Patient Care Technician?

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

- Submit an on-line application at www.cltcc.edu
- Meet the recommended minimum entrance scores for Patient Care Technician in Reading, English and Math on an approved entrance assessment (ACT or Accuplacer)
- High School Diploma or Equivalent strongly encouraged
- Be fingerprinted and pass a Louisiana Department of Health and College required Criminal Background Check
- Consent to and pass a pre-admission drug screen at an approved drug screening lab
- Provide a health certification (physical examination) from a licensed health care provider and proof of required immunizations prior to beginning of clinical rotations.

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.