Aiken Technical College
Patient Care Technician
Information for Fall 2023 and Spring 2024

Application DUE: May 26, 2023 for Fall 2023; September 29, 2023 for Spring 2024

<mark>You must have electronic copies of all required documents
to attach and submit with the application!</mark>

Program Description:

The Patient Care Technician Certificate prepares students to work in hospitals, doctors' offices, medical clinics, skilled nursing facilities, as well as other short-term and long-term care facilities under the direction and supervision of a registered nurse. Graduates of this program are eligible to apply to take the competency exams for state certification in Nurse Assisting through the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, and national certification in Patient Care Technician and Phlebotomy. Some courses are non-transferrable and are considered the beginning and ending of certification. The certificate does not build into any other diploma or degree.

General Information:

- Applicants must have a **high school diploma or GED** and be at least **18 years of age** (unless participating as a dual enrollment student prior to high school graduation).
- Applicants must have submitted an **application for admission** to the College.
- Applicant must complete and submit the Patient Care Technician application.
- Applicants must submit documentation of **one** of the following:
  - Successful completion of college-level English and math courses with a grade of "C" or higher or acceptable test scores. (Attaching an unofficial transcript to your application is acceptable.)
  - All required **transitional education** courses with a grade of "C" or better. (Attaching an unofficial transcript to your application is acceptable.)
- Once admitted, students must earn a grade of "B" or better in all program courses to continue.
- Once admitted, students will be required to attend orientation.
- Once admitted, students will be required to complete and pass a **criminal background check** and **drug screening** scheduled by the Nursing Division. Depending on the results of the background check and drug screening, a student may not be able to participate in clinicals and will be withdrawn from the program.
- Once admitted, students are required to have **reliable transportation** for clinical rotations. Clinical sites are assigned and are determined by availability at medical facilities. Students are required to **purchase uniforms** for clinical experiences, have all **supplies** required, and be **physically able** to meet the clinical requirements.

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- Once admitted to the program, students must **submit documentation** for each of the following:
  - A physical exam (College form to be provided).
  - Statement from physician indicating student is in good health and is able to complete course requirements without restrictions (statement must indicate date of exam and be submitted within 6 months of physical exam date.)
  - 2-step TB skin test or chest X-ray; OR QuantiFERON TB.
  - Hepatitis B vaccine series and titer, or declination statement.
  - Proof of current immunizations, to include seasonal flu.
  - Current CPR certification (available at ATC/fee required).
- Applicants whose first language is not English must submit official **TOEFL scores**. A minimum score of 78 on the TOEFL iBT exam is required to be eligible to apply to the program. English as a Second Language (ESL) courses are strongly recommended.
- Applicants must be physically able to meet the requirements of all clinical areas.
- Attach all college transcripts to application.
- After the application date has passed, all applications meeting the minimum requirement are reviewed by the Nursing Admissions Committee. Spaces are allotted to those most qualified as determined by the point system on this application.
- Candidates earning equal points are ranked based on their cumulative GPA.
- Clinical rotations are required in Health Sciences and Nursing programs. Clinical sites may request students to follow protocols beyond what is required by Aiken Technical College, including COVID-19 vaccination.

Application Link:

https://na4.docusign.net/Member/PowerFormSigning.aspx?PowerFormId=d1691bae-ec37-4c61-a22a-b3369ddcba34&env=na4&acct=d201cf56-980b-479e-8c9f-a3a99c185b87&v=2

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Patient Care Technician Curriculum

Major Course Requirements (26 credits)

Course Number	Course Name	Semester Credit Hours
AHS 117	The Care of Patients	4
AHS 163	Long-Term Care	5
AHS 143	Phlebotomy Skills	6
AHS 179	Cardiac Monitoring Practicum	4
AHS 151	Healthcare Procedures I	3
AHS 223	Dialysis Technician Practicum	4

Additional Requirements (10 credits)

Course Number	Course Name	Semester Credit Hours
AHS 102	Medical Terminology	3
BIO 112	Basic Anatomy and Physiology	4
BIO 126	Career Options for Health Professions	3
Total Credit Hours		**36**

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Name: _____   Student ID: _____   Date: _____

Mailing address: _____   City, State, Zip: _____

Email address: _____   Phone number: _____

_____ Applied for admission to the College

_____ Meet the age requirement of 18 and have a high school diploma or GED (unless participating as a dual enrollment student prior to high school graduation)

_____ Documentation of one of the following:

- Successful completion of college-level English and math courses with a grade of "C" or higher or acceptable test scores. (Attaching an unofficial transcript to your application is acceptable.)
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_____ List below **all** colleges attended (including ATC) and attach copies of transcripts from **all** colleges attended (including ATC). All colleges **MUST** be listed and all transcripts **MUST** be attached.

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_____ Is English your first language?   If no, you MUST attach TOEFL scores.

_____ Additional degrees/licenses/certifications are listed and a copy is attached.

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Admission to the College does not guarantee acceptance into the PCT program. Students must reapply for entry into the program if not accepted.

I certify that I have completed this application truthfully to the best of my ability. I have read, understood, typed, completed, and attached all required documents. If I am found to have knowingly falsified information, my application will be disqualified. Also, if my application is incomplete, my application will be disqualified.

Student Signature: _____   Date: _____

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