Allied Health Education
Patient Care Technician
Certificate
Program Requirements
2010-2011

Student Name: _____

Program Description The Patient Care Technician Program is a cluster of planned, sequenced instruction designed to prepare a cross-trained health care worker. With multiple exit points, the program consists of the following modules: nursing assistant, EKG technician, phlebotomy technician, and advanced nurse assisting skills. Students are prepared to function as advanced patient caregivers under the supervision of the registered nurse.

Upon completion of individual program modules, students will be eligible for certification as a nursing assistant, phlebotomy technician, EKG technician and licensing as a Health Care Assistant Category "A" (WA State).

Completion of the nursing assistant module (or proof of current nursing assistant certification in WA state) is required to enter the Advanced Nurse Assisting skills module. The EKG technician and phlebotomy technician modules may be taken in any sequence. ***All modules must be completed to obtain the Patient Care Technician certificate.***

Degree Outcomes The knowledge, skills and abilities incorporated into this course of study were based on established skills standards at the state and national level. Each module describes the specific skills the student will gain in that portion of the course. For information on degree outcomes, see http://www.edcc.edu/outcomes/degrees.php.

Common Course Numbering Changes Please refer to www.edcc.edu/ccn for more information.

Credit/Grade Requirements This Certificate requires successful completion of a minimum of **26.5** credits or a minimum of **18.5** credits with documentation of a valid CNA license in Washington State. A minimum of one-third of the required credits must be earned from Edmonds Community College. Students are required to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 in all college-level courses.

Students must achieve a grade of 2.0 or higher in the Phlebotomy and EKG technician modules and a grade of 2.5 or higher in the Certified Nursing Assistant and Advanced Nurse Assisting Skills modules to receive their certificates.

Prerequisites Proof of completion of the prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of 2.0 or equivalent is required to enroll in the certificate classes. Course substitutions are allowed. Students with previous healthcare training may be able to waive prerequisites on adviser approval. Students must see their Allied Health program adviser to complete this process.

Graduation Application A completed Graduation Application form must be submitted to Enrollment Services by the 10th day of the quarter in which the student expects to graduate. Forms are available at Enrollment Services located in Lynnwood Hall, or online at www.edcc.edu/credentials/

Students are advised to
- Plan their schedule several quarters in advance in order to accommodate courses that are offered only once or twice a year
- Review the college catalog for required course prerequisites and include these in schedule planning
- (Refer to box above certificate requirements)
- Communicate with a faculty adviser

SPECIAL NOTES
Criminal background checks are required for all Allied Health programs. Students should be aware that **certain gross misdemeanors and felonies may disqualify them from participating in clinical externships and unable to complete their certificate. Future employment opportunities in the healthcare field may also be affected.**

Students may request their background check from the Washington State Patrol (small fee required); students are encouraged to meet with an adviser if the background check reveals any activity that might disqualify them from the externship.

Summary of Occupational Exposure Students planning to enter the Patient Care Technician program or any of the modules contained within the program need to know that, as a health care provider, they are at risk for exposure to blood borne pathogens. Tasks and procedures performed by the health care professional involve risks classified by the Center for Disease Control in the following ways
- Category I – Direct contact with blood or other bodily fluids to which universal precautions apply
- Category II – Activities performed without blood exposure but exposure may occur in emergencies
- Category III – Task/activity does not entail predictable or unpredictable exposure to blood

Advisers The advisers for this program are
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College Resources
Department Website   http://ahe.edcc.edu
Home Page   http://www.edcc.edu
How to Enroll   http://getstarted.edcc.edu
Advising appointments   425-640-1458
College Bookstore   http://bookstore.edcc.edu

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Patient Care Technician

Prerequisites (Minimum 17 credits)
The following courses are required before beginning any of the certifications. Substitutions are allowed and students with previous health care training may be able to waive prerequisites on adviser approval.

Course			Qtr	Credit	Grade
AHE	110	The Human Body-Structure and Function	_____	5	_____
AHE	115	CPR – Allied Health **OR**	_____	1	_____
HLTH	105	Emergency Response/CPR	_____	4	_____
AHE	116	Intro to Health Care	_____	4	_____
BSTEC	104	Medical Terminology	_____	3	_____
BSTEC	129	PC Basics **OR**	_____	3	_____
BSTEC	130	Computer Fundamentals **OR**	_____	5	_____
CIS	100	Intro to Business Computing	_____	5	_____
SHS	170	HIV/AIDS Training for Healthcare Professionals	_____	1	_____

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Adviser's Signature   Date   Dean's Signature   Date

Certificate Requirements (26.5 credits)

Course			Qtr	Credit	Grade
Nursing Assistant – Certified - 8 credits					
AHE	162	Basic Patient Care Skills	_____	6	_____
AHE	164	CNA Clinical Externship	_____	2	_____
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Electrocardiography (EKG) Technician - 5 credits					
AHE	114	EKG Technician	_____	4	_____
AHE	119	EKG Clinical Externship	_____	1	_____
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Phlebotomy Technician - 9 credits					
AHE	141	Phlebotomy Technician (required)	_____	5	_____
AHE	143	Phlebotomy Clinical Externship (optional) *	_____	4	_____
PGM Code – 382C					
Advanced Nurse Assisting - 4.5 credits **					
AHE	130	CNA Advanced Nurse Assisting Skills	_____	3	_____
AHE	131	Advanced Nurse Assistant Clinical Externship	_____	1.5	_____
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Elective Courses (Minimum 4 credits) *

Course			Qtr	Credit	Grade
AHE	143	Phlebotomy Clinical Externship	_____	4	_____
AHE	155	Special Topic in Monitor Technician	_____	5	_____
BSTEC	115	Medical Law and Ethics	_____	3	_____
BSTEC	294	Career Management	_____	3	_____
COMM	101	Intercultural Communication: CD ***	_____	5	_____
ENGL	100	Introduction to College Writing	_____	5	_____
FSS	175	Introduction to Family Support	_____	3	_____
FSS	186	Home Visiting Skills	_____	2	_____
JOBDV	110	Resumes and Interviewing	_____	1	_____
LEGAL	296	Special Topic	_____	1-2	_____
PSYC&	100	General Psychology ***	_____	5	_____
SHS	161	Aging in America	_____	4	_____
SHS	185	Human Growth & Development: CD **OR**	_____	__	_____
EDUC	185	Human Growth & Development: CD ***	_____	5	_____
SHS	219	Working with Diverse Populations	_____	3	_____
CMST&	210	Interpersonal Communication ***	_____	5	_____
CMST&	220	Public Speaking	_____	5	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	___	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	___	_____

Explanatory Notes
  *   Elective course(s) may substitute for optional AHE 143 to meet the required 26.5 credits
 **   Students must complete the nursing assistant module or provide proof of valid WA State nursing assistant
        certification before beginning the Advanced Nurse Assisting Skills Module
***   These electives meet prerequisite requirements for RN programs and may have prerequisite requirements of their
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