



Patient Care Technician

Career Dual Enrollment Program



What is a Patient Care Technician?

A Patient Care Technician (PCT) is an advanced Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) who can perform additional patient care tasks beyond the CNA's scope. This 3-year program will enable students to obtain the following five certifications:

- Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA)
- Electrocardiograph (EKG) Technician (CET)
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Patient Care Technician (CPCT)
- Phlebotomy Technician (CPT)

Why are Pasco County Schools transitioning CNA programs to Patient Care Technician?

The PCT career dual enrollment program not only provides greater career preparation for students, but it also meets labor market demand for higher-skilled employees in the health care workforce throughout Florida. PCT graduates are also eligible for advanced placement in college LPN programs. PCT courses are offered through an articulation agreement with Marchman Technical College but will be taught at the high schools that currently offer CNA programs.

What schools will be offering the Patient Care Technician program?

The Patient Care Technician program is currently being taught at Kirkland Ranch Academy of Innovation. Beginning in Fall 2024, the program will also be offered at the following schools:

- Gulf High School
- J.W. Mitchell High
- Pasco High School
- Sunlake High School
- Wiregrass Ranch High School
- Zephyrhills High School

Who can enroll in the Patient Care Technician program?

The Patient Care Technician Program will be open to all 9th and 10th-grade students beginning in Fall 2024. Students must fill out a Pasco Pathways School Choice application to request acceptance at one of the schools offering the program.

Students who already attend these schools will also be required to fill out a school choice application for entry into the program.

Patient Care Technician Course/Pathway Progression:

Grade	Period 1	Period 2	Total Credits
9 th	2000310 Biology/2000320 Biology Honors <i>Prerequisite for Health Science Anatomy & Physiology - may be taken concurrently</i>	8417100 Health Science Anatomy & Physiology <i>Can be taken in either grade 9 or 10.</i>	1 or 2 high school credits <i>Depending on A&P enrollment</i>
10 th	HSC0003 Basic Healthcare Worker <i>1.0 high school credit</i>	8417100 Health Science Anatomy & Physiology <i>If not taken in grade 9</i>	1 or 2 high school credits <i>Depending on A&P enrollment</i>
11 th	HCP0121 Nurse Aide and Orderly <i>Semester 1 = .5 high school credit</i> HCP0020 Patient Care Assistant <i>Semester 2 = .5 high school credit</i>	HSC0016 Allied Health Assistant <i>1.0 high school credit</i>	2 high school credits
12 th	8400100 Health Science Directed Study <i>1.0 high school credit</i> Students will also earn: 50 hours of Clinical Time and MEA0580 Advanced Allied Health Assistant	8400100 Health Science Directed Study <i>1.0 high school credit</i> Students will also earn: HCP0332 Advanced Home Health Aide and PRN0094 Patient Care Technician	2 high school credits
	<i>Note: 1.0 high school credit = Full year course .5 high school credit = Semester course</i>	TOTAL:	6 high school credits and 3.5 college credits