

Patient Care Technician

What Patient Care Technicians Do:

Patient Care Technicians are multi-disciplinary technical workers trained to provide basic nursing assistant care as well as other skilled functions. The disciplines included in the program at Queensborough Community College include seven core competencies in CPR, Standard First Aid, EKG, Phlebotomy, Medical Terminology, Cultural Competency, and Certified Nursing Assistant. After completing the program students can take the certification exam from the NHA and become a Certified Patient Care Technician (CPCT).

Where They Work:

Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Clinics, Labs and doctors' Offices all employ Patient Care Technicians.

Salary Information:

Salary can vary for this occupation depending on several factors including experience and qualifications, which can have different requirements depending on the employer.

The estimated NY salaries are below:

Orderlies:

Median Hourly Wage: \$15.60 in NYS

Median Annual Wage: \$32,460 in NYS

The lowest 10% earn \$9.09/hr. & \$18,920/year

Nursing Assistants:

Median Hourly Wage: \$15.87 in NYS

Median Annual Wage: \$33,010 in NYS

The lowest 10% earn \$10.57/hr. & \$21,980/year

Career Outlook:

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the employment of nursing assistants and orderlies is projected to grow 18 percent from 2012 to 2022, faster than the average for all occupations. Because of the growing elderly population, many nursing assistants and orderlies will be needed in long-term care facilities.



Program at Queensborough Community College:

Queensborough Community College Continuing Education offers an NHA certified Patient Technician program that includes seven course components that are offered during the summer, fall and spring semesters.

Advising, career counseling & job search assistance are offered at no charge to students during and upon completion of any course or program at Queensborough Community College, Office of Continuing Education.

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*Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, December, 2015, State Occupational Employment & Wage Estimates. Sources for Career Snapshots include Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook, O'Net,.