

**YORK TECHNICAL COLLEGE
TECHNICAL STANDARDS – CERTIFICATE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM
FOR PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN**

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF A STUDENT IN THE PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

Communication

- Read, write, speak and comprehend English with sufficient skill to interact with others in verbal and written form.
- The student shall appropriately and effectively communicate with instructors, peers, nursing and medical staff, all ancillary departments, visitors, guests and patients in clinical.
- Work effectively as an individual and team member.

Safe Practice

- Implement emergency procedures in the health care setting and administer first aid, including CPR
- Effectively practice principles of infection control.
- Exposure to blood borne pathogens - Hepatitis, HIV

Clinical

- Demonstrate and perform clinical nurse assistant skills in a safe and efficient manner according to state standards, client care standards, agency policy, and attending physician's orders.
- Display actions, attitudes consistent with ethical standards of the profession.

Clerical

- Perform tasks including data collection, chart assembly, transcribing doctor's orders, telephone etiquette and electronic communication.
- Understand and use complex machinery and technology.

Lab

- Obtain specimens from patients including drawing blood and appropriate urine collection and handling.

Electrocardiography

- Implement appropriate steps for identifying heart rhythm utilizing ECG/EKG strips.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF A STUDENT IN THE PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

Physical Requirements: The position has been given a strength rating of MEDIUM WORK by the US Dictionary of Occupational Titles (exerting up to 20-50 pounds of force occasionally, and/or 10-15 pounds of force frequently, and/or greater than negligible up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects.) Included in the essential functions of this position are the lifting, carrying, positioning and moving of patients both manually and by stretcher. When performing these functions with large patients, the strength necessary may exceed the DOT rating. The patient care technician position also includes intermittent sitting, standing, walking, frequent bending, squatting, reaching, occasional kneeling, twisting, and exposure to changes in temperature/humidity and fumes. Both hands are used for power grip, speed and precision work. Use of both feet is required.

Data Conception: Requires the ability to gather, collate or classify information about data, people or objects. Reporting and/or carrying out a prescribed action in relation to the information is frequently involved.

Color Discrimination: Requires the ability to differentiate colors and shades of color.

Manual Dexterity/Motor Coordination: Requires the ability to use body members, tools or special devices to work, move, guide or place objects or materials. Involves some latitude for judgment with regard to precision attained and selecting appropriate tools, objects, or materials. Must have good eye/hand/foot coordination.

Interpersonal Communication: Requires talking with and/or signaling people to convey or exchange information. Includes giving assignments and/or directions to helpers or assistants.

Physical Communication: Requires the ability to speak and hear (express self by spoken words and perceive sounds by ear)

Reasoning Development: Requires ability to apply principles of logical or scientific thinking to define problems, collect data, establish facts, and draw valid conclusions. Interpret an extensive variety of technical instructions in mathematical or diagrammatic form. Deal with several abstract and concrete variables.

Language Development: Requires ability to read and understand complex information from scientific and/or technical journals, papers, etc. Requires the ability to communicate the same types of complex information and data through speech and in writing using proper format, punctuation, spelling, grammar correctly and using all parts of speech.

Numerical Ability: Requires the ability to determine time, weight and to correctly and accurately perform practical applications of fractions, percentages, ratio and proportion as well as basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division operations.

Form/Spatial Ability: Requires the ability to inspect dimensions of items and to visually read information and data.

Personal Temperament: Requires the ability to deal effectively with stress produced by work and interactions with situations/people that may be critical or emergent in nature. Social skills necessary to interact with patients, families, co-workers of the same or different culture, respect, polite, discrete, teamwork. Maintain composure while managing multiple tasks simultaneously.

Any student who feels s/he may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact the Special Resources Office (SRO) at 803-327-8007, located in the Student Services Building within the Counseling and Support Services Area. The SRO coordinates reasonable accommodations for students who self-identify their documented disability.