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Addition of New Programs: Patient Care Technician – CER

Patient Care Technician – Mental Health Technician Option - CER

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Program:

Patient Care Technician (PCT)

The Patient Care Technician (PCT) program prepares persons for entry-level employment positions in a variety of healthcare settings including long-term care, home health care, and acute care as well as outpatient settings. Program graduates qualify to earn credentials in Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide, Medication Assistant, and Patient Care Technician certification. Options also exist to gain certification in Phlebotomy and Mental Health Technician. The curriculum offers several stackable credentials which allow diversity in employment and early entry into the workforce. The program focuses on care of clients through theory, simulated labs and clinical experiences.

Patient Care Technician (PCT CER)

Area I Written Composition – 3 credit hours

Course	Title	Credit Hours
ENG101	English Composition I	3

Area II Humanities and Fine Arts – no requirement

Area III Natural Sciences and Mathematics – 3 Credit Hours

Note: MAH105 or higher-level math is required.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
MAH105	Math for Nurses	3

Area IV History, Social and Behavioral Sciences – no requirements

Area V Preprofessional, Major and Elective Courses – 26 Credit Hours

Major Core – 24 Credit Hours

Course	Title	Credit Hours
NAS111	Fundamentals of Long-Term Care	6
NAS112	Fundamentals of Long-Term Care Clinicals	2
NAS115	CPR and First Aid	2
NAS102	Medication Assistant	6
HPS103	Foundation Competencies for Health Sciences	3
HPS112	Medical Terminology for Healthcare	3
HPS114	Pharmacology for Healthcare	2

Institutional Requirements – 2 Credit Hours

Course	Title	Credit Hours
ORI101	Orientation to the College	1
BSS220	Professional Transitions	1

Total Credit Hours - 32

Patient Care Technician – Mental Health Technician Option (MHT CER)

Area I Written Composition – 3 credit hours

Course	Title	Credit Hours
ENG101	English Composition I	3

Area II Humanities and Fine Arts – no requirement

Area III Natural Sciences and Mathematics – no requirement

Area IV History, Social and Behavioral Sciences – 3 Credit Hours

Note: 3 credit hours in psychology are required

Course	Title	Credit Hours
PSY200	Introduction to Psychology	3

Area V Preprofessional, Major and Elective Courses – 24 Credit Hours

Major Core – 22 Credit Hours

Course	Title	Credit Hours
NAS111	Fundamentals of Long-Term Care	6

NAS112	Fundamentals of Long-Term Care Clinicals	2
NAS115	CPR and First Aid	2
MHT100	Introduction to Inpatient Residential Operations	4
MHT120	Addiction and Forensic Psychology	4
MHT130	Management of Behavioral Crisis	4

Institutional Requirements – 2 Credit Hours

Course	Title	Credit Hours
ORI101	Orientation to the College	1
BSS220	Professional Transitions	1

Total Credit Hours - 30

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

HPS103 Foundation Competencies for Health Sciences T3/L0/C0 Total Semester Credit Hours - 3

This course is designed to assist the student in developing the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to be successful in health-related disciplines. Content focuses on development and use of effective study and test-taking skills, assertiveness training, stress management, values clarification, diversity, ethical-legal concepts, problem-solving and communication skills. Upon completion of this course, the student will demonstrate the knowledge, skills and abilities needed to be successful in the student role.

HPS112 Medical Terminology for Healthcare T3/L0/C0 Total Semester Credit Hours – 3

This course is an introduction to medical terminology used in health sciences. Emphasis is placed on terminology associated with health care, spelling, pronunciation, and meaning associated with prefixes, suffixes, and roots as they relate to anatomical body systems. Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to correctly abbreviate medical terms and appropriately use medical terminology in verbal and written communication.

HPS114 Basic Pharmacology T2/L0/C0 Total Semester Credit Hours - 2

This course is an introduction to basic pharmacology. Content includes classifications, indications, contraindications, desired effects, and side effects of medications used during diagnostic procedures and the prevention and treatment of common illnesses. Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to relate basic pharmacological concepts to the maintenance of health.

MHT100 Introduction to Inpatient and Residential Operations T2/L2/C0 Total Semester Credit Hours – 4

This course is designed to provide information regarding the operation of inpatient and residential treatment facilities. The basis of treatment, services provided, the role of staff members, and various methods of treatment for patients/residents with mental health diagnoses are explored.

MHT120 Addiction and Forensic Psychology T4/L0/C0 Total Semester Credit Hours – 4

This course includes the study of the psychological, social, and physical factors that affect human behavior across the lifespan. This course provides insight into the incidence of addiction in America by exploring societal norms, regulation, and misconceptions. Using scientific inquiry, students will learn why people abuse substances; both illicit and prescribed. Forensic matters are discussed including the policies for regulation of legal substances and enforcement of laws related to the use of illicit substances.

The socioeconomic impact of addiction will also be covered. Ethical practice and professional conduct are also discussed in this course.

MHT130 Management of Behavioral Crisis T2/L1/C1 Total Semester Credit Hours – 4

This Course concentrates on the management of patients/residents with behavioral concerns. Prevention, intervention, documentation, and techniques/strategies to manage behavior in health care settings are taught in this course. This course also includes a clinical practicum.

NAS/HHA102 Medication Assistant T4/L1/C1 Total Semester Credit Hours – 6

This course fulfills the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) one hundred (100) hour Medication Assistant Certified (MA-C) Curriculum requirements for training of nursing assistants in preparation for medication assistant certification (MA-C) through competency evaluation. Emphasis is placed on the development of the knowledge, attitudes, and skills required of the medication assistant. Upon completion of this course, the student should demonstrate satisfactory performance on written examinations, practical lab, and clinical skills. Completion of this course is satisfactory for candidacy for the Medication Assistant Certification Exam (MACE) through NCSBN.

NAS111 Fundamentals of Long-Term Care T4/L2/C0 Total Semester Credit Hours – 6

This course provides students with the necessary theory and laboratory experiences for the development of skills required to qualify as a long-term care Nursing Assistant. Emphasis is placed on the acquisition of skills in communication, observation, safety, mobility/body mechanics, personal and restorative care, and infection control necessary to care for patients and clients of all ages. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to apply concepts and skills in areas required by the Omnibus budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA).

NAS112 Fundamentals of Long-Term Care Clinicals T0/L0/C2 Total Semester Credit Hours - 2

This course is designed for students to apply knowledge and skills needed to perform basic nursing care safely and efficiently in various supervised health care setting. Emphasis is placed on safety, therapeutic communication, infection control, critical thinking, and proper documentation. Upon completion of the course, students will demonstrate beginning competency in delivery of care to patients and clients in various health care settings.

NAS115 CPR & Basic First Aid T/L1/C0 Total Semester Credit Hours – 2

This course is designed to help the student feel more confident and act appropriately in an emergency situation. Emphasis is placed on providing the student with theoretical concepts to develop skills in basic first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Upon successful course completion, which includes specific competencies in basic life support the student will receive appropriate course completion documentation.