

Patient Care Technician Course Descriptions

HIHC 1110 – INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH CARE (2-0-2)

In this course the student learns to establish a safe and supportive environment for the patient/resident/ client through ethical and legal responsibilities, effective communication, observational skills, and safety; issues including fire safety, infection control, CPR, and personal hygiene and grooming practices. (513902)

HIHC 1160 – PROFESSIONALISM FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS (1-0-1)

Identifying and performing skills necessary to secure employment in the health care industry and make immediate and future decisions regarding job choices and educational growth. Selected computer application skills are incorporated into this course. (513902)

HIHC 1500 – HEALTH ASSESSMENT SKILLS (1-0-2)

In this course the student will learn to create and maintain health records as well as accessing and recording vital signs. This course is a laboratory component of the phlebotomy curriculum. (510899)

HMDT 1170 – MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY (2-2-0)

Prerequisites: Interpretation and analysis of medical terms including the combination of prefixes, root words, and suffixes to and recognize spell, utilize and pronounce medical terminology correctly. Medical abbreviations are also included. (513901)

HPHL 1010 – PHLEBOTOMY PRINCIPLES (2-1-3)

This course discusses introductory information relative to phlebotomy theory and fundamental phlebotomy skills, which include venipuncture's, capillary sticks, infection control procedures, and lab tests which may be performed by the phlebotomist. (511009)

HPHL 1020 – PHLEBOTOMY TECHNIQUES (3-3-6)

A study of advanced phlebotomy skills and procedures which include laboratory administrative procedures, tube identification, and laboratory equipment usage. Student performance of introductory, fundamental and advanced phlebotomy skills for instructor evaluation in preparation for clinical experiences is included. Students spend at least 115 hours of supervised preceptor clinical hours in a variety of health care sites in order to obtain necessary course requirements. Students must successfully perform 5 skin punctures and 100 unaided venipunctures to complete the program. (511009)

NBAP 1120 – BASIC BODY STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION (2-0-2)

Identification of the organs and basic functions of the human body and disorders as it relates to each system with medical terminology integrated with each. (260403)

HEKG 1011-EKG Principles and Procedures (5-3-3)

Introduce students to the electrocardiogram (EKG) principles and procedures in the health care setting. Students will gain knowledge regarding the normal structure and function of the heart with emphasis on the conduction system. A supervised lab portion is an integral portion of this course and will allow student performance of EKG procedures. This course includes a minimum of 30 hours of lab instruction/practice and 45 hours of clinical externship to be performed by the student under the supervision of a preceptor in a variety of healthcare settings (510902)

NRSA 1211 - NURSING FUNDAMENTALS (4-3-2)

Theory (45hrs) and supervised skills lab (30hrs) experiences that focus on providing basic nursing skills to meet the physiological, psychosocial, socio-cultural, and spiritual needs of clients in various health care environments. Infection control information and skills are presented as part of this course. Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

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(OBRA) guidelines are presented as application of the nursing process in the management of clients with health alterations. (513901)

NRSA 1222 - SKILLS APPLICATION (2-0-6)

The student will perform, demonstrate, and practice a minimum of 90 hours of basic nursing assistant care in approved facilities, to include a minimum of 40 hours of long term care, under the supervision of the faculty. The application of the nursing process will be used in meeting biological, psychosocial, cultural, and spiritual needs of geriatric clients in selected environments. Major components included are rehabilitative care and support of death with dignity utilizing therapeutic and preventive measures.