Psychiatric Technician Students

Psychiatric Technician Program
Workforce Expansion Project
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What is a Psychiatric Technician?

• An entry-level health care provider who is responsible for care of mentally disordered and developmentally disabled clients.

• A licensed provider with a similar scope of practice as a licensed vocational nurse, but with more Psychiatric and Developmental Disabilities experience.
Psychiatric Technician students are busy....
What is the typical salary range of a PT?

• $15 - $27 Per Hour

• $30,000 - $70,000 Per Year
Psychiatric Technician students are busy....
Where do Psych Tech’s Work?

- State Hospitals
- Day Treatment Centers
- Developmental Centers
- Correctional Facilities
- Psychiatric Hospitals & Clinics
- Psychiatric Technician Programs
- Geropsychiatric Centers
- Residential Care Facilities
- Vocational Training Centers……. and still more!
Who would be a good candidate for the Program?

• This is a profession that attracts those who truly want to help improve the quality of life for some of the most vulnerable individuals in today's society.

• It helps to be a person who likes to work with other people in a person-centered environment.

• An individual with a basic interest in working with a diverse population.
What do I have to do?

• Review all the program information on the web site. Read the “Getting Started” and “Frequently Asked Questions” information.
• [http://www.deltacollege.edu/div/hs/pthome.html](http://www.deltacollege.edu/div/hs/pthome.html)
• Review your own personal commitments regarding work hours, other family responsibilities, and personal goals.
What do I have to do?

- Review the information on criminal background clearance and determine if this will be an inhibiting factor in completing psychiatric technician education training.
Examples of Non-exempt crimes

- Penal Code sections 187, 190-190.4 and 192(a) — Any Murder/Attempted Murder/Voluntary Manslaughter
- Penal Code section 203, 505 etc. — Any Mayhem
- Penal Code section 206 — Torture
- Penal Code sections 207, 208, 209, 209.5 — Kidnapping
- Penal Code section 211, 212, 212.5, 213, 214 — Any Robbery
- Penal Code section 215 — Carjacking
Program Prerequisites Courses

• Complete all prerequisite courses.

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**For accurate course descriptions please current college catalog.**
Program Requisite

• Applicants **MUST** possess a High School Diploma or GED.

• If this requisite was completed in a foreign country, it must be evaluated by an approved agency from the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES).

[Foreign Educational Document Service website](https://naces.org)
After Completing Prerequisites

• Apply to the Psychiatric Technician program during the Online application period.
• The date for the Online application will be posted on the department web page.
• Selection is based on a random drawing from accepted applicant pool.
New Application Process

Effective Fall 2013 students will be able to check the status of their applications in the application system.

Email notifications will no longer be sent and it is the responsibility of the student to check his or her status online in the application system.
Accepted Students must

Complete and submit all clinical requirements as early as possible but no later than the stated deadline:

• LiveScan (Fingerprinting)
• Drug Screening
• Professional level CPR
• Malpractice insurance
• Physical exam
• Immunizations
• Purchase skills lab kit
What do I have to do?

- Purchase course syllabi, textbooks, uniforms, etc.
- Review schedules for first day and first week of first module PT courses.
Once you’re in the Program
HOW MANY HOURS IN A DAY?

- Lecture hours/week = 10
- Clinical and lab hours/week = 25
- Supplemental Instruction/week = 2
- Study hours (3 hrs./1 lecture hr.) = 30
- Total hours/week = 67
Is there more??

- There is travel time
- Time to eat
- Time for family and friends
- Part time job?
- Full time job?
- Time to sleep
- Time to relax
Psychiatric Technician Program

• MORE THAN A FULL TIME JOB!!
• 65 HOURS/WEEK IS EQUAL TO:

  • ONE FULL TIME JOB (40 HOURS)
  AND
  • ONE PART TIME JOB (23 HOURS)
PROGRAM LENGTH
ONE YEAR

- Begins January, 2014
- Ends December, 2014
- Spring, Summer, and Fall Semesters
- Very few breaks
Higher Education is Challenging!
Finding Balance

• Psychiatric Technician students do need balance in their life – time with family, exercise, good nutrition, plenty of sleep, and such, but the program must be a **TOP priority** in order to succeed.
Higher Education = Success!
Asking for Support from Family

• We find some students are reluctant to ask family and friends for help.
• Some enter nursing to help others, not to be helped.
• This can be a self defeating position.
Education = Success!
SUCCESS

• Meet the requirements for admission to program.
• This is a great achievement!
• Program is very demanding.
• Every student has the capability of succeeding in the program.
• We provide support through our student success program.
REWARD

• A CAREER IN HEALTH CARE
• A GOOD JOB WITH GREAT PAY AND BENEFITS
• THE SATISFACTION OF KNOWING YOU HAVE SUCCEEDED
• Mid-DECEMBER YOU WILL CELEBRATE YOUR ACHIEVEMENT!
• AND YOU DID IT!!!!!!
Graduation Day!
For more information

Please visit the Psychiatric Technician Homepage

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