What are the program prerequisites?

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**In addition to the above, PT applicants must:**

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Completion of the Twelfth (12th) Grade in High School or its Equivalent. A copy of your High School Diploma, High School Transcripts showing graduation, or passed the "GED" test at the 12th Grade Level; copy of certificate required.
- If a student has a High School diploma from a foreign country, an evaluation must accompany that foreign High School diploma that indicates it is equivalent to a U.S. Twelfth (12th) Grade High School completion. National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) must accredit the agency evaluating the foreign diploma. [Foreign Educational Document Service website](http://www.foreigneducationaldocuments.com)

Do the prerequisites have to be completed when I apply?

Yes, **ALL** prerequisite courses must be completed prior to applying to the PT program.
I have taken prerequisite and general education courses at other colleges. How will I know if they are equivalent to Delta College courses?

To determine equivalency of courses taken at another college, each candidate must submit an official transcript to the Evaluations Department with a transcript evaluation request prior to applying to the PT program to ensure you have met all prerequisite coursework.

How do I apply to the program?

Applications for the Psych Tech Program are submitted during the online application period for the random selection drawing. Information and date for the online application will be posted on the department web page.

How are students selected?

A random selection process is utilized to select qualified students.

To qualify for the drawing interested students must have:
- All prerequisites completed with a minimal cumulative prerequisite GPA of 2.5 or greater.
- All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better

What is a typical schedule?

The psychiatric technician program is an intensive Full-Time /12 month. Students are in class five days per week during the fall, summer, and spring semesters. Typically, students are selected once per year and begin courses in January. Students attend psychiatric technician classes throughout the fall, summer, and spring semesters.

Can I work while I am in the program?

While there is no program, policies prohibiting students from working while in the PT program, students are strongly advised to limit work hours as much as possible. A major cause of student failure in psychiatric technician courses is excessive work hours that limit study time. It is essential that each student allot a minimum of three hours of study time for each hour of lecture. For the 10 hours per week of lecture, students are expected to spend a minimum of 30 hours per week on study time. Candidates are advised to review their own financial status prior to applying to the program and make appropriate adjustments.
What about financial aid?

As Delta College students, nursing students are eligible for all college financial aid services. In addition, employers may be able to offer assistance and several scholarships are available throughout the academic year for nursing students. Candidates should contact the financial aid department at the college for more information.

I have a criminal history. Can I still apply to the PT program?

Each of the clinical facilities will require students to clear a background check for criminal history. This is done to comply with a January 2004 regulation requiring hospitals to have information pertaining to criminal backgrounds on all staff, volunteers, and students. The student will cover the cost for this clearance check. In addition, the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians requires all candidates for licensure to submit fingerprints which are analyzed and cleared prior to granting a license.

Candidates with a criminal background may not be allowed to attend clinical if the offense is determined to be significant enough to warrant denial by the clinical facility. A criminal history of violent crimes involving substance abuse and sexually violent crimes are among those that may result in denial to clinical placement. If the applicant is not allowed into the clinical facility, he/she will not be able to meet the objectives of the nursing program. Applicants with criminal histories are strongly encouraged to consider this information prior to selecting this career option and applying to the program. List on non-exempt crimes may affect your ability to complete clinical program requirements.

What can I do if I have a criminal history?

The applicant may want to consider the expunge process from the appropriate courts.

How much does the program cost?

While it is not possible to give specific costs for each individual, a listing of typical costs follows below:

- Tuition: 41 units @ $46 per unit $1886** (approximate)
- Textbooks: $1000 (subject to change)
- Clinical Requirements: $1000 (approximate)
- Licensure Application Fees: $150
- Initial License for 2 years: $300
- APPROXIMATE TOTAL $4336**

**Total does not include gasoline, vehicle maintenance, and childcare, as these are individual costs**
I am a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) or Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN). Can I receive credit for this training?

No. At this time, we do not offer CNA or LVN advance placement.

I attended a psychiatric technician program at another college. Can I transfer into the PT program?

Candidates who left their prior program in good standing may be eligible for transfer into the PT program on a third priority, Space Available Basis. Good standing is defined as completion of all nursing courses with a grade of "C" or better and satisfactory completion of clinical objectives. Candidates who did not leave in good standing are not considered for transfer.

If I am a Veteran applicant, what type of documentation will be required to submit?

In order to prove your Veteran status you will be required to submit a DD214 with an honorable discharge.

If I am a Veteran applicant, how will my application be processed?

First, a certain number of Veterans’ applications that will be randomly selected. The Veteran applications not selected randomly, will be included in the general pool of applications for a second random selection.

**Important Information For All Applicants:**

Applicants must follow directions in application packets if invited to submit supporting documentation.

**Note:**

Incomplete and/or incorrect application packets maybe subject to disqualification.