The Department of Allied Health Sciences

Program Description

The Patient Care Technology curriculum provides study in basic care and assistance of patients, monitoring and taking notes on patient care. The goal of the program is to provide enhanced skills to the certified nurse aide and prepare the health professional to assist individuals, families and groups achieve and maintain optimal health. Since rural healthcare is changing so rapidly, the program strives to produce healthcare providers that can work at the top of their certification and scope of practice. At the completion of the program, graduates are qualified to take the National Healthcare Association Patient Care Technician (CPCT) certification exam.

Northeast Texas Community College has excellent faculty who are adept practitioners as well as competent educators. Through their mentorship, students learn not only the skills to be a patient care technologist, but also to be critical thinkers, decision makers and change agents.

Curriculum Information

All patient care technology students will undergo 320 hours of training, with 96 hours in appropriate clinical settings. The final clinical experience consists of a one-on-one partnership with an expert nurse in the in-patient hospital setting. This immersion in basic care of patients and families pulls together theoretical and clinical learning, and also enhances the role of interdisciplinary teamwork into the patient care technology profession.

Northeast Texas Community College has an innovative learning laboratory and simulation lab, which leaves students better prepared to provide expert care in rural clinical settings. Students will practice the skills of the certified nursing assistant (CNA), phlebotomy, electrocardiogram, advanced nursing skills and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

THINGS TO KNOW

- 15 students accepted each class
- Length of training 16 weeks
- Projected job growth is 49%
- Average salary $13.37/hr
- It is possible to receive 3 certifications from this program: the Certified Nurse Aide, the Certified Patient Care Technologist and the Certified EKG Technician.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit www.ntcc.edu for an application, as well as information about academics and life at Northeast Texas Community College.