# Patient Care Technician

### **Job Description**

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## What Does a Patient Care Technician Do?

Patient care technicians (PCTs) are essential to the medical industry because they work behind the scenes to take care of the technical details that make a huge difference in patients' lives.

Health care jobs are in demand, as they are projected to have faster-than-average growth between 2023 and 2033, with the addition of about 1.9 million new jobs each year [1]. A career in health care can also be rewarding, especially if you enjoy interacting with and caring for patients on a daily basis.

Patient Care Tech Duties and Responsibilities:

- <u>Providing emotional support</u> for patients and their families
- Collecting blood, urine, and stool samples and delivering them to the lab
- Checking vital signs, like temperature, pulse, and blood pressure
- Conducting certain medical tests and recording results
- Serving meals to patients and monitoring their food and beverage intake
- Reporting changes in a patient's condition to the nurse or medical team
- Escorting patients for an x-ray or when getting discharged from the clinic
- Helping patients with exercise and mobility, such as getting out of bed and to the bathroom
- Keeps equipment operating by following operating instructions, troubleshooting breakdowns, maintaining supplies, performing preventive maintenance, and calling for repairs.
- Updates job knowledge by participating in educational opportunities and reading professional publications.
- Serves and protects the practice by adhering to professional standards; facility policies and procedures; and federal, state, and local requirements.
- Enhances practice reputation by accepting ownership for accomplishing new and different requests, and exploring opportunities to add value to job accomplishments.

It's always a good idea to highlight the **work hours and benefits** specific to your medical facility. Potential Patient Care Tech want to learn things like team size, nurse-to-patient ratios,

and shift rotations. You can also highlight any of the benefits that set you apart, like childcare reimbursements, commuter benefits, and tuition or continuing education credits.

### Medical Assistant Qualifications/Skills:

- Supply management
- Verbal communication
- Infection control
- Creating a safe, effective environment
- Organization
- Scheduling
- Professionalism
- Customer focus
- Confidentiality
- Bedside manner
- Medical teamwork

#### Education, Experience, and Licensing Requirements:

- Certified Patient Care Technician (PCT)
- Over the age of 18
- High School Diploma, GED or College
- BLS CPR/AED

To become a Patient Care Technician, a person has to complete a state-approved education program where they learn the basics of nursing and complete supervised clinical work. These programs can be found from as early as high school and in vocational schools and community colleges.

Students also have to pass a state exam, which allows them to use titles within the state. Some states require a background check or need further credentials. Patient Care Technicians usually receive on-the-job training by their employer and learn their specific policies.

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