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The Psychiatric Technology program is a one-year certificate program that prepare students to monitor, provide care, and participate in the treatment of mentally and developmentally disabled clients. Learning activities are conducted on the San Bernardino Valley College campus and in a variety of community agencies. The curriculum prepares students to take the California Psychiatric Technician license examination. Students may also elect to earn an Associate Degree. The Psychiatric Technology program is accredited by the California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians.

Student must complete program prerequisites, apply, and be accepted into the Psychiatric Technology Program. A booklet explaining details of application is available in the Health Science Division and online. Information meetings are conducted periodically. To apply, submit the following when all program prerequisites are completed or in-progress: application form, official transcripts from all colleges attended except SBVC or Crafton Hills College, proof of high school completion, college assessment scores, enrollment print-out of any in-progress prerequisite courses, and proof of reading proficiency. Application and supporting documents must be submitted by February 1 to be considered for Fall semester entrance or September 1, for Spring semester entrance. Late applications will only be considered if space is available.

A background check is required for enrollment in the Program. The California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians may deny a license based on any conviction or action substantially related to Psychiatric Technician practice.

PREREQUISITES FOR ADMISSION TO THE PSYCHIATRIC TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM:

Complete the following courses with a grade of C or better:

BIOL 050	Anatomy and Physiology	4 units
ENGL 015	Preparation for College Writing	4 units
MATH 952	PreAlgebra	4 units
PSYCH 100	Psychology	3 units

PSYCHIATRIC TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE

To graduate with a specialization in Psychiatric Technology, students must complete the following required courses plus the general breadth requirements for the Associate Degree (minimum total = 60 units).

REQUIRED COURSES	UNITS
PSYTCH 084 Introduction to Psychiatric Technology	17
PSYTCH 085 Psychiatric Technology: Nursing Science	12
PSYTCH 086 Psychiatric Technology: Behavioral Science	17
BIOL 050 Anatomy and Physiology	4
PSYCH 100 General Psychology	3
PSYCH 112 Child and Adolescent Psychology	3
PSYCH 132 Counseling Techniques	3
or	
PSYCH 118 Human Sexual Behavior	(3)
or	
PSYCH 103 Psychology of the Personality	(3)
SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology	3
or	
ANTHRO 102 Cultural Anthropology	(3)
ENGL 101 Freshman Composition	4
TOTAL UNITS	66

PSYCHIATRIC TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE

This certificate is designed to prepare the student for entry-level caring for mentally impaired or emotionally disturbed individuals following physician instructions and hospital procedures to monitor patients' physical and emotional well-being and then report to staff; participate in rehabilitation and treatment programs; help with personal hygiene; and administration of oral medications and hypodermic injections. Students working for certificates must have a basic knowledge of arithmetic, reading, and writing in order to learn and work in the occupations they select.

REQUIRED COURSES	UNITS
BIOL 050 Anatomy and Physiology	4
ENGL 015 Preparation for College Writing	4
PSYCH 100 Psychology	3
PSYTCH 084 Introduction to Psychiatric Technology	17
PSYTCH 085 Psychiatric Technology: Nursing Science	12
PSYTCH 086 Psychiatric Technology: Behavioral Science	17
TOTAL UNITS	57