

PATIENT CARE ASSISTANT (CTC)

Previous Degree Required: HS Diploma

Eligible for Financial Aid: No

Delivery Method(s): On-Campus

Location(s): Melbourne

Limited Access: No

Program Testing Requirements: Not Required

Academic Community: HSCI

Program Code: PTC2

Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 51.3902

Florida Department of Education CIP Code: 0351390202

- **Leads to State or Organizational License or Certification:** Patient Care Assistant
- **Cost Associated with taking the exam:** \$250
- **Where to take the exam:** Apply to the [Florida Board of Nursing](#) then schedule with Eastern Florida State College (Testing Center)

This certificate program is designed to prepare students for employment as Patient Care Assistants, Nursing Assistants, and Home Health Aides. It also offers supplemental training for persons previously or currently employed in any of these occupations who have the prerequisite course work. Classroom, laboratory, and clinical instruction prepare the student to function as a member of the healthcare team in varied settings and roles. Upon completion of the program, the student will receive a Career and Technical Certificate in Patient Care Assistant. Certificates for Articulated Nursing Assistant, Advanced Home Health Aide, HIV/AIDS, First Aid, Domestic Violence, and BLS/CPR will be given upon completion of these modules. During course work the student is prepared for the Florida Nursing Assistant Certification Exam.

Program-Specific Admissions Information: This is a limited-access program; student must submit a separate application to the program.

Refer to the [Career and Technical Certificates](#) overview page to find information about admission, graduation, testing, and other requirements.

Visit the [program page](#) for more information or call (321) 433-7575.

Program of Study

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 290 Clock Hours - 9.660 Vocational Credits | | |
| HSC 0003 | Basic Healthcare Worker | 90 |
| HCP 0621 | Articulated Nursing Assistant | 75 |
| HCP 0332 | Advanced Home Health Aide | 50 |
| HCP 0020 | Patient Care Assistant | 75 |
| Total Hours: | | 290 |

A grade of "C" or higher is necessary in each course for progression and graduation.

Learning Outcomes

1. Perform apical and radial pulse check to within 2 bpm in laboratory & clinical environment.

- *Core Ability Supported: Think Critically and Solve Problems*
2. Perform Blood Pressure measurement accurate to within 4 mmHg both systolic and diastolic in laboratory & clinical environment to assist health care team.
 - *Core Ability Supported: Work Cooperatively*
 3. Integrate oral & written communication skills in creating, expressing, & interpreting information & ideas.
 - *Core Ability Supported: Communicate Effectively*
 4. Design a formal information presentation for a specific audience
 - *Core Ability Supported: Communicate Effectively*
 5. Synthesize knowledge and skills to pass the Home Health Competency Test.
 - *Core Ability Supported: Model Ethical and Civic Responsibility*
 6. Analyze the home environment to perform physical, comfort, and safety functions specific to the nursing assistant.
 - *Core Ability Supported: Model Ethical and Civic Responsibility*
 7. Employ critical thinking skills independently to solve problems and make decisions.
 - *Core Ability Supported: Think Critically and Solve Problems*
 8. Synthesize knowledge and skills to pass the FL state CNA exam.
 - *Core Ability Supported: Process Information*
 9. Demonstrate successful integration of knowledge across the curriculum.
 - *Core Ability Supported: Process Information*
 10. Employ critical thinking skills as a team member to solve problems and make decisions.
 - *Core Ability Supported: Think Critically and Solve Problems*
 11. Demonstrate legal and ethical responsibilities with medication specific to the Home Health Aide
 - *Core Ability Supported: Model Ethical and Civic Responsibility*
 12. Demonstrate effective working relationships needed to accomplish team goals & objectives
 - *Core Ability Supported: Work Cooperatively*
 13. Perform hand washing according to skill performance checklist in laboratory & clinical environment for patient & team safety
 - *Core Ability Supported: Work Cooperatively*
 14. Develop a population health survey as a team to identify trends & educational programs needed
 - *Core Ability Supported: Process Information*