

CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANT

to

PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN

APPLICATION INFORMATION

SPRING 2009

CNA to PT Prerequisite Verification Spring 2009 Entry

Complete Prerequisite Courses with a GPA of at least 2.5. In addition, each Prerequisite course must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
(See attached PT curriculum plan)



Complete the Prerequisite Verification form and submit with the following documentation:

1. Copy of current California Nurse Assistant Certificate
2. Copy of driver's license or birth certificate
3. Evidence of completion of high school or the equivalent or AA or higher degree by one of the following:
 - **a) Official High School transcript
 - **b) Official GED Certificate or High School Proficiency Certificate
 - **c) Official transcript documenting AA or higher degree
 - **d) Official evaluation of foreign transcript to meet high school requirement only
4. Copy of transcripts of prerequisite courses completed at other regionally accredited U.S. colleges with course descriptions from year courses were taken.



Submit application to Nursing Department Office, Locke 213,
between September 2nd and October 1st.



Official transcripts and course descriptions for prerequisite courses completed at colleges other than Delta College must be submitted in a sealed envelope with this Prerequisite Verification packet.



Prerequisite Verifications screened. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.



Qualified Prerequisite Verifications will be ranked by random selection. Candidates will be notified of their ranking order in writing by the program director.



Notification of space in P T 02 will be made to qualified Candidates based on their random selection ranking.

Acceptance of Prerequisite Verification does not guarantee that there is space available in the program.

**Official means the document arrives in an envelope sealed at the origination site.

San Joaquin Delta College
PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN CURRICULUM
 Certified Nurse Assistant-PT Entry Spring 2009

• Prerequisites:

***	BIOL 31	Human Anatomy	4.0	
	or			
**	BIOL 33	Anatomy and Physiology	6.0	
	HS 19/FCS 19	Human Development	3.0	
	HS 36	Medical Terminology and Speech	3.0	
	PSYCH 1	Introduction to Psychology	<u>3.0</u>	
			13.0-15.0	Units

1st Sem.	Spring 2009			
	P T 002	Introduction to Medical-Surgical	<u>8.5</u>	
			8.5	Units

2nd Sem.	Summer 2009			
	P T 82	Psychiatric Technician Nursing	<u>8.0</u>	
			8.0	Units

3rd Sem.	Fall 2009			
	P T 83	Advanced Psychiatric Technician	4.5	
	P T 84	Developmental Disabilities Nursing	6.0	
	P T 85	Advanced Developmental Disabilities	<u>5.5</u>	
			16.0	Units

BIOL 011, Human Biology, will no longer be accepted as a program prerequisite.

** Prerequisite to this course, BIOL 33, Anatomy and Physiology, include Elementary Algebra (MATH 80) and Intro Chemistry (CHEM #A. Prior to Fall 2000 this course was listed as Anatomy 2.

*** This course meets one of the prerequisites for the Associate Degree in Nursing

CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANT ADMISSION TO THE PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN PROGRAM CANDIDATE INFORMATION SPRING 2009

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Certified Nurse Assistants with current, California certification may apply to the psychiatric technician program with advanced standing.
- B. All students applying to the psychiatric technician program must be enrolled at San Joaquin Delta College. An Application for Admission to the college must be submitted online at: www.deltacollege.edu prior to submitting a Prerequisite Verification to the psychiatric technician program. Assessment testing is a component of the college admission process and must be complete before the candidate can enroll in any Delta College courses. Information is available in Holt 101.
- C. With submission of this Prerequisite Verification, the applicant with a California CNA certificate elects to waive PT 001 and enter PT 002 on a space available, second priority basis.
- D. All program prerequisites must be completed at the time of entry with a minimal grade of "C" for each course and a cumulative prerequisite GPA of 2.5 or greater.
- E. Program prerequisites:
- One of the following science courses:*
- *Biology 31 (Human Anatomy)*
 - *Biology 33 (Anatomy & Physiology)**
- and*
- *HS 36 (Medical Terminology)*
 - *HS/FCS 19 (Human Development)*
 - *Psychology 1 (Introduction to Psychology)*
- F. All prerequisites must be completed and grades posted before you can submit your Prerequisite Verification.
- G. Prerequisite courses completed at other regionally accredited U.S. colleges must be evaluated for equivalency to Delta College course. The Candidate must submit an official transcript (sealed at the originating college/university) with this Prerequisite Verification packet.
- H. Verification of high school completion is a requirement set by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians. This requirement may be met by one of the following:
- Official high school transcript
 - Official GED or High School Proficiency Certificate
 - Official college transcript showing AA degree or higher
 - Official evaluation of coursework from a foreign university verifying equivalency to high school completion (see I.I.)

"Official" documents must arrive at the college in their original envelopes, which were sealed at the site of origination. Any document, which does not arrive in a sealed envelope as described above, will not be accepted.

- I. The Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians requires all psychiatric technician nursing students to be 17 years of age or greater. This information must be verified by a birth certificate or driver's license.
- J. Foreign students:
Students who have graduated from foreign universities may submit official transcripts for evaluation of high school equivalency. This evaluation must be completed by an organization, which is a member of The National Association Credential Evaluation Services, Inc. The evaluation must be submitted with the Prerequisite Verification in an envelope sealed by the originating agency. The process of obtaining and evaluating foreign transcripts may be lengthy. Candidates are encouraged to request their transcripts early in the preparation process.
- K. Prerequisite Verification are accepted during the regular application period, September 2nd to October 1st.
- L. Clinical sites are now requiring all students to complete a background clearance for criminal history prior to placement in their facility and patient contact. All psychiatric technician students will be responsible for completing this process and fees as part of the admission process.

The clinical facilities have the option of refusing access to a student due to criminal history. A candidate who cannot obtain background clearance will be dropped from the program due to inability to meet clinical objectives. Potential candidates are advised to consider this requirement prior to applying to the program.

Fingerprinting and disclosure of felony and misdemeanor convictions is a requirement to obtain licensure as a psychiatric technician in the state of California.

- M. Additional information:

Previous CNA-PT candidates had noted difficulty entering the program. Candidates entering PT 002 are expected to possess the same knowledge and skills as other students in the course. Typically, this knowledge and skills exceeds that presented in CNA training programs. Candidates are strongly encouraged to undertake the following prior to entry into PT 002:

- Purchase the PT 001 syllabus and review for content and skills in which review is indicated
- Schedule time in the nursing skills laboratory, Locke 229, to review skills presented in PT 001

II. PREREQUISITE VERIFICATION PROCEDURE

- A. Submit an online Application for Admission to San Joaquin Delta College if not an enrolled student.
- B. Complete all college assessment testing.
- C. Complete the "Prerequisite Verification for CNA-PT Admission"
- D. Complete the "Course Completion Form"
- E. Provide a photocopy of a current, valid California Certified Nurse Assistant certificate
- F. Provide a photocopy of one of the following:
 - driver's license
 - birth certificate
- G. Provide official documentation of high school completion or equivalency (See I.H.)
- H. Provide a copy of an official transcript for prerequisite courses taken at other regionally accredited U.S. colleges **AND** a copy of the course description from the college year taken.
- I. Complete the "Certificate and Age Verification Form".
- J. Complete the "Certification of Completed Prerequisite Verification" form.
- K. Submit all the above to the Nursing & Health Sciences office, Locke 213, between September 2nd and October 1st.

III. SELECTION PROCESS

- A. Prerequisite Verifications are screened for completion and qualifications after the end of the Prerequisite Verification period.
- B. Incomplete or disqualified Prerequisite Verifications will be shredded.
- C. In the event several Prerequisite Verifications select the CNA-PT entry option, a random selection will be held. Candidates will be notified of the results by mail.
- D. The selection will determine a ranking order for offers of space in PT 02. Candidates will be notified in writing of their ranking order.
- E. Candidates will be offered space in PT 02 based on their ranking order. Notification is often done on very short notice. Information packets are provided to candidates after the random selection drawing. Candidates are strongly encouraged to complete the clinical requirements in the event of offers of space in PT 02 which begins mid-March in the spring semester.