

2018 - 2019

## MENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN

### Program Length/Schedule:

480 hours/approx. 5 months (full-time)

This program is offered twice a year: August & January  
Delivery Method: Traditional - 100% classroom-based;  
Hybrid - Less than 50% of required instruction hours  
available via distant education (online).

M - F 7:05 a.m. - 1:50 p.m.

### Admission Requirements:

- Completion of a Program Orientation
- Basic Skills Testing
- Meet with Program Counselor/Advisor
- Clearance on FDLE Level II Background Check
- Negative Drug Test Results
- Immunizations and Physical Examination

Students enrolling in any Health Science Education program must undergo a Level II criminal background check and drug screening, per The Joint Commission. Students who do not have a valid social security number may encounter difficulty with certain state licensing agencies and registries. Contact the program counselor/advisor for specific information.

### Job Outlook in the Ft. Lauderdale area:

- Demand for Psychiatric/Mental Health Technicians is expected to grow about 15% between 2015 and 2023 (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics).
- Entry level wages are about \$12/hour. Actual wages vary according to education, experience and certifications (Source: FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity).

See Back of Page for Estimated Program Costs  
(based on 1 full year of documented Florida residency)

### Course Content:

Students will be trained for employment as Mental Health Technicians, Psychiatric Aides or Technicians and Nursing Assistants. Mental Health Technicians work in a variety of healthcare facilities under the supervision of a psychiatrist, registered nurse, counselor or social worker and participate in the development and implementation of therapeutic treatment plans for patients with mental health issues. Students will receive training in physical assessment, psychiatric and substance abuse disorders, developmental disabilities, health/wellness education, crisis intervention and basic nursing assistant skills. Upon successful completion of the program, students will have the opportunity to take the Certified Nursing Assistant examination given by the Florida Board of Nursing.

### Additional Skills Covered:

- Blood Borne Diseases HIV/AIDS, HBV
- Communication & Interpersonal Skills
- Computer Literacy
- Cultural Competency
- CPR, BLS Healthcare Provider
- Employability Skills
- HIPPA
- Infection Control Procedures
- Legal & Ethical Responsibilities
- Medical Terminology
- Nursing Assistant Skills
- Responding to Emergency Situations
- Safety & Security Procedures
- Wellness & Disease Concepts

Enroll in This Fast Track Program  
for a Career in a Year



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## MENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN

### H180100/Mental Health Technician (480 hours)

### Fees

Tuition (approximate cost based upon program length)		\$1,344
Lab (approximate cost based upon program length)		\$96
Assessment: TABE Initial Basic Skills Test		\$15
Registration (non-refundable fee)	\$40 per semester	\$40
Annual Student Activity Fee	\$20 per academic year	\$20
Liability Insurance (required)	\$13 per year	\$13
Accidental/Health Insurance (if not currently covered)	\$47 per academic year	\$47

### TUITION, LAB, ASSESSMENT, REGISTRATION, ACTIVITY FEE, INSURANCE (approximate costs)

**\$1,575**

There may be additional costs associated with books, uniforms, special tools, equipment and other related items.

#### HEALTH & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- Physical exam- Annual
- Tuberculin (PPD) 2-Step (X2) or Chest X-ray- Annual
- Drug Testing- by Authorized Lab Only
- Level 2 Background Check (Approved Vendor Only)
- Compliance Tracking Subscription (Approved Vendor Only)

#### IMMUNIZATIONS:

- Vaccine (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis) (DTaP or Tdap)
- MMR Vaccine Series (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) (X2) or Titer
- Hepatitis B Vaccine Series (X3) or Titer or Authorized Declination Form
- Varicella Vaccine (X2) or Titer
- Influenza Vaccine (Flu Shot)

#### UNIFORMS: UNIFORM TOPS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE ATC BOOKSTORE.

- All Black Leather Shoes- closed front and back
- Uniform Top with ATC Logo and Uniform Pants
- Scrub Jacket (optional)
- Black Socks (above the ankle)

**Industry Certification & State Credential Exams:** Students will be prepared to take an approved state and/or nationally recognized industry certification or licensure exam in their field of study.

**College Credit Transfer Opportunity and/or Advanced Standing:** Upon completion of the program and meeting eligibility requirements, students may transfer into another Health Science program at one of Broward's Technical Colleges with advanced standing.

#### INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION:

Industry certification and state credential exam costs are additional. However, you may qualify for reimbursement of your exam cost(s) upon passing the exam. See your program counselor for more information.

#### BOOKS/SUPPLIES:

For a list of books and prices go to [www.atlantictechnicalcollege.edu/bookstore-price-list/](http://www.atlantictechnicalcollege.edu/bookstore-price-list/) or visit the bookstore on campus. Additional supply information can be found in the syllabus located on the Web page for this program.

## Your Action Plan Checklist - Get Started Today!

- ☐ **Step 1 | Attend a Program Orientation**
- ☐ **Step 2 | Take the Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE) or meet exemption criteria**
  - See your counselor/advisor for details on test exemptions/receive test results.
  - Accommodations for testing are available to qualified individuals.
  - Visit the Office of Disability Services for details *before testing*.
- ☐ **Step 3 | Meet with your counselor/advisor**
  - Receive test results.
  - Discuss technical or academic program placement.
  - Discuss special needs (unique situations)
  - Review Financial Aid
- ☐ **Step 4 | Registration and Enrollment**



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