

Patient Care Assisting 2021-2022

Classes are held at
Arthur Ashe, Jr. Campus, 1701 NW 23rd Ave., Ft. Lauderdale

Course Content:

The Patient Care Assistant (PCA) program prepares student for employment as cross-trained nursing assistants and provides foundational knowledge and skills. Students receive training in communication and interpersonal skills, infection control, safety/emergency procedures, promoting residents' independence, and respecting patient rights. The PCA works in the hospital setting as a member of the healthcare team under the direction of the nurse. Duties include taking vital signs and assisting patients with basic tasks.

A certificate is issued at the successful completion of the program in accordance with State guidelines. Graduates are eligible to take the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification examination. The Florida Department of Health/Board of Nursing will issue a certificate to those who pass the examination.

Program Length:

290 hours (approximately 10 weeks full-time)

Program Offered:

August, November, February, April

Delivery Method:

Traditional – 100% classroom based

Days & Times:

Monday – Friday 7:05 a.m. – 1:50 p.m.

Admission Requirements:

- Complete a Health Science Program Orientation
- Meet with Program Counselor/Advisor

Additional Skills Covered:

- Communication Skills & Challenges
- End-of-Life Care
- Emergency Care/First Aid/Disasters
- Ethical & Legal Issues
- Human Needs and Development
- Infection Prevention & Control
- Nursing Assistant Role & Employability Skills
- Nutrition
- Personal Patient/Environment Care
- Rehabilitative & Restorative Care
- Safety & Body Mechanics
- Subacute Care
- The Body Systems
- Vital Signs

Job Outlook in the Ft. Lauderdale area:

- Demand for Patient Care Assistants is expected to grow about 8% between 2019 and 2029 (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics).
- Entry level wages for Patient Care Assistants are about \$15/hour (Source: The FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity). Actual wages vary according to education, experience and certifications.

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Tuition (approximate cost based upon program length)		\$823
Lab (approximate cost based upon program length)		\$59
Registration (non-refundable fee)	\$20	\$20
Annual Student Activity Fee	\$20 per academic year	\$20
Liability Insurance		\$13
TUITION, LAB, REGISTRATION, ACTIVITY FEE		\$935

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

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.

HEALTH & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

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

UNIFORMS: Uniform tops will be available for purchase from the ATC bookstore.

- All White Leather Shoes – closed front and back
- Green Uniform Top with ATC Logo and white Pants
- White fleece Jacket or Lab Jacket
- White Socks (above ankle) or White Hose

IMMUNIZATIONS:

- Vaccine (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis) (DTaP or TDaP)
- MMR Vaccine Series (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) (2) or Titer
- Hepatitis B Vaccine Series (3) or Titer or Authorized Declination Form
- Varicella Vaccine (2) or Titer
- Influenza Vaccine (Flu Shot)

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. Exam costs are additional; however, you may qualify for reimbursement of your exam cost(s) upon passing. See your program counselor/advisor for more information.

Books / Supplies: For a list of books and prices go to 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 Steps - Get Started Today!

- Step 1: Attend a Program Specific Orientation
- Step 2: Reply to your Orientation Follow-up Email
- Step 3: Complete an Application
- Step 4: Disability Services (optional)
- Step 5: Complete & Upload Required Documents
- Step 6: Counselor Interview
- Step 7: Registration & Enrollment

POSSIBLE JOB TITLES

- Home Health Aid
- Nursing Assistant
- Patient Care Assistant



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