

Atlantic Technical College Mental Health Technician Program Syllabus Fall 2026-2027			
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Student Hours: Monday – Friday 7:05 AM – 1:50 PM Break: 9:05 – 9:15 AM Lunch: 11:15 AM – 11:45 AM		Total Program Hours: 480	
OCP	Course Number	Course Name	Hours
A	HSC0003	Basic Healthcare Worker	90
B	HCP0121	Nurse Aide and Orderly (articulated	75
C	HCP0810	Mental Health Technician	315
Technical College Policy/Adult Student Attendance: • A student must be withdrawn after being absent for six (6) consecutive days. • Two (2) additional absences may be allowed under certain circumstances with appropriate documentation. • Please refer to the Student Handbook for postsecondary students. • http://www.atlanticttechnicalcollege.edu/atc-student-handbook/			
High School Attendance Policy: A student who has had at least five unexcused absences, or absences for which the reasons are unknown, within a calendar month, or 10 unexcused absences, or absences for which the reasons are unknown, within a 90-calendar-day period, may be exhibiting a pattern of non-attendance according to (F.S.1003.26 (1) (b)) and the School Board of Broward County, Policy 5.5.			
Required Book(s) and materials: Hartwell (2024) . Nursing Assisting: A Foundation in Caregiving (Textbook & Workbook)			
Clinical/Laboratory Equipment and Materials: CPR Valve Stethoscope Gait belt Watch with second hand Black/red pens Black sharpie Composition notebook		Required Materials/ Supplies: Program uniform Dividers Loose leaf ruled paper Index cards #2 pencil with eraser Highlighter White or black shoes with socks	

All required books and most materials/supplies can be purchased from the ATC bookstore. Stop by during operational hours for pricing and purchasing information	Grading System: A 90-100% B 80- 89% C 70 -79% D 60 - 69% F 0 - 59% I Incomplete
View Your Grades: Grades can be viewed online by following the directions below: 1. Go to Clever SSO Website link: https://sso.browardschools.com and login: a. Username: 10-digit student ID number b. Password: PMM/DD/YYYY (or your personally created password after initial login) 2. Click on the FOCUS app on your Clever opening page. (You may need to scroll down the page to see the FOCUS app.) 3. Enter your FOCUS username and password. NOTE: If the Focus App. is not visible after logging into Clever, please navigate to the Broward Focus website directly: https://broward.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/.	
Industry Certification & State Credential Exam Cost: Upon passing the Certified Nursing Assistant licensure exam and skills test, students can become a Certified Nursing Assistant- \$155.00 Prometric CNA application \$97.00 FL DOH CNA Digital Fingerprinting · Students may also be eligible after graduation from the program and further work experience of 1,000 hours of competency in the fields of mental health or substance abuse to obtain Florida Board Certification as a Behavioral Health Technician-\$100.00. You may qualify for certification reimbursement of your exam cost(s) upon passing. Credential fees are subject to change.	Outstanding Student Recognition Information: A gold seal will be applied to a Program Completion Certificate if the student has earned a 3.5 GPA or higher in their Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes.
PROGRAM: MENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN	
Course Number: HSC0003 Course Name: Basic Healthcare Worker Occupational Completion Point: A Intended Outcomes: (From FL DOE Curriculum Framework)	

Student will be able to perform the following:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the healthcare delivery system and health occupations.
 - Demonstrate the ability to communicate and use interpersonal skills effectively.
 - Demonstrate legal and ethical responsibilities.
 - Demonstrate an understanding of and apply wellness and disease concepts.
 - Recognize and practice safety and security procedures.
 - Recognize and respond to emergency situations.
 - Recognize and practice infection control procedures.
 - Demonstrate an understanding of information technology applications in healthcare.
 - Demonstrate employability skills.
 - Demonstrate knowledge of blood borne diseases, including HIV/AIDS.
 - Apply basic math and science skills.
- Use verbal and written communication specific to nursing assisting.

Course Number: HCP0121**Course Name: Nurse Aide and Orderly (articulated)****Occupational Completion Point: B****Intended Outcomes: (From FL DOE Curriculum Framework)****Student will be able to perform the following:**

- Use verbal and written communications specific to nurse assisting
- Demonstrate legal and ethical responsibilities specific to nurse assisting
- Perform physical comfort and safety functions specific to nurse assisting
- Provide personal patient care
- Perform patient care procedures
- Apply principles of nutrition
- Provide care for geriatric patients
- Apply the principles of infection control specific to nursing assisting
- Provide biological, psychological, and social support
- Perform supervised organizational functions, following the patient plan of care
- Assist with restorative (rehabilitative) activities

Course Number: HCP0810**Course Name: Mental Health Technician****Occupational Completion Point: C****Intended Outcomes: (From FL DOE Curriculum Framework)****Student will be able to perform the following:**

- Demonstrate and implement knowledge of mental health, mental illness, including substance use/ abuse and addiction.
- Identify the spectrum of interventions and treatment for mental health problems and the types of delivery of care in the stabilization and rehabilitation of the mental health patient.
- Demonstrate an understanding of various mental health disorders, observable signs and symptoms and general interventions to be implemented by the mental health technician.
- Provide therapeutic communication, knowledge of therapeutic relationships, and support for the mental health patient.

- Perform skills and documentation related to caring for and supervising the mental health patient in various types of treatment settings.
- Implement crisis intervention techniques and emergency services, if necessary, in the mental health setting.
- Participate as a member of a multidisciplinary team in the planning and implementation of care and treatment for individual patients.
- Provide patient education and information on the various resources and support groups available for the mentally ill, substance using or addictive client and family members.
- Conduct individual, group and family presentations / discussions to facilitate patient recovery and wellness.
- Perform pharmacological aspects of care as directed (residential and assisted living facility settings).