



2024-2025 | ATLANTIC TECHNICAL COLLEGE & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
HEALTH SCIENCE

PATIENT CARE ASSISTANT

Course Content:

Patient Care Assistant is an Integrated Education and Training program for students interested in rapidly earning the credentials and skills necessary to enter the nursing field while simultaneously continuing to learn English. Through an integrated approach and single set of learning objectives, student will complete an ESOL program and prepare for employment as cross-trained nursing assistants and provide foundational knowledge and skills. Students receive training in communication and interpersonal skills, infection control, safety/emergency procedures, promoting 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.

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

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.

Job Outlook



For information regarding Patient Care Assistant salaries/wages, visit [FloridaJobs.org](https://www.floridajobs.org)



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.

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

Admission Requirements:

- 16 Years of Age or Older
- Complete a Program Specific Orientation
- Meet with Program Counselor/Advisor



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GET STARTED Today

YOUR ACTION STEPS:

Step 1

Attend an ATC Program Information Session

Step 2

Reply to Follow-up E-mail

Step 3

Secure Funding Source

Step 4

Registration, Payment, and Enrollment

Possible Job Titles

- Home Health Aide
- Nursing Assistant
- Patient Care Assistant



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Tuition
(approximate cost based upon program length)

Lab
(approximate cost based upon program length)

Registration
(non-refundable fee - \$40/semester or \$20/quarter)

Annual Student Activity Fee
(\$20 per academic year)

Liability Insurance
(required, \$13 per year)

In-State Fees

\$812

\$73

\$20

\$20

\$13

Out-Of-State Fees

\$3,248

\$73

\$20

\$20

\$13

Tuition, Lab, Assessment, Registration, Activity Fee (approximate costs)

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

\$938

\$3,374

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 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

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.

College Credit Transfer Opportunity Credential Exams:

Upon completion of the program, you may be eligible to receive FREE associate degree transfer credits from Broward College or another state college. To learn more and determine eligibility, visit browardtechnicalcolleges.com/articulation-agreement/, scroll to the career cluster photos, click Health Science, or contact your program counselor/advisor. Additional college credit may be awarded with the attainment of industry certifications.

Books / Supplies:

For a list of books and prices go to atlantictechcollege.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.

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