Patient care technicians (PCT) work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, dialysis facilities and home health care agencies. They provide not only bedside care, but also compassion and serve as a communicator for patients’ needs.

PCTs have hands-on experiences every day. They are responsible for a variety of duties, such as taking vital signs, performing electrocardiography (ECG), blood draws, hemodialysis and much more. The PCT career is fulfilling for those who want day-to-day interactions with patients, nurses, doctors and patients’ families.

During your PCT program at Pima Medical Institute, you’ll receive real-world training, which can further advance your health care career.
What You Will Learn

Pima Medical Institute's Patient Care Technician (PCT) certificate program will train you to work hands-on with patients who have a variety of health care needs.

PCTs are trained to conduct blood draws, catheterizations, wound care and the removal of sutures and staples. They can also administer electrocardiography (ECGs), take vital signs, operate dialysis equipment and perform emergency room procedures. In order to enroll, you must already be a certified nursing assistant.

Job Outlook

Patient care technicians may experience diverse career opportunities due to the variety of skills they acquire, which also allows them to choose from a multitude of working environments.

As the health care industry expands because of technological advances in medicine and the growth and aging of the population, there will be an increased need for health care workers. All health care-related occupations are projected to increase by more than 19 percent nationally through 2024, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.†

Employment

Patient care technicians have a variety of opportunities available to them. They may work in numerous settings, such as hospitals, home health care agencies, rehabilitation centers, dialysis facilities and assisted living facilities.