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Patient Care Technician Certificate Program

Lecture (84 hours) + Clinical (60 hours) = 144 hours

Registration Requirements:

- High School Diploma/ GED (Required to test)
- Driver's license or State issued I.D.
- Social Security card
- Criminal Background check and Drug Screening
- Proof of immunizations

Students are required to submit to a criminal background check **PRIOR** to the first day of class. A background search through the Texas Department of Public Safety will be performed. **Any student whose background check is not clear will NOT be allowed to attend classes.**

Students must take and pass both sections to complete the course. Prior to the clinical portion of the program, students **must** have certification in BLS for Health Care Provider CPR, proof of the immunizations listed below and a negative TB test.

After successful completion of the 144 hours, students will register for the state certification exam through National Healthcareer Association (NHA). Once the students are registered for the exam, they may set up their exam date at their convenience. **The students are responsible for the cost of the exam (\$155.00).** This amount will be paid to Panola College.

Students must provide proof of the following immunizations prior to clinical training of the program:

- Varicella
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
- Hepatitis B vaccine
- Tetanus/ Diphtheria (Tdap- within 10 years)
- Influenza
- Negative TB skin test or chest x-ray (within the last year)

Students unable to provide proof of immunization records will not be allowed to attend clinical training and will receive a grade of **"NO CREDIT"** for the class. Panola College does not provide copies of these records after class completion. Please do **NOT** give your instructor original documents. Students should provide copies and keep the originals.

ANY pregnant student (no matter what stage of pregnancy) is **required** to submit proof that she is medically cleared to participate in clinical training with **NO restrictions**. If the student is unable to provide medical clearance, the student will not be allowed to complete the program.