



Credential Tip Sheet: Certified Patient Care Technician/Assistant (CPCT/A)

Career Cluster: Health Science

CIP Code: 51.0000

CIP Program Name: Health Sciences/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General

Credentialing Agency: National Healthcareers Association (NHA)

Industry-recognized credential: Certified Patient Care Technician/Assistant (CPCT/A)

What are the content areas covered by the credential?

The Certified Patient Care Technician (CPCT/A) credential covers the following content: patient care; compliance, safety and professional responsibility; infection control; phlebotomy; and EKG. Teachers can view a summary and outline of the topics and associated weighting that may be covered on the CPCT/A certification examination by using this link to the [CPCT Test Plan](#).



Credential Qualifications or Pre-requisites

Successful completion of a medical assistant training program is required to be qualified to take the exam. Students must be no more than 12 months from completing their high school graduation to be qualified to earn the credential, which is awarded on a provisional basis until a diploma is issued and verified. The credential is valid for two years; renewal requires 10 continuing education credits and payment of a renewal fee.

Exam Information

The CET certification exam has 100 questions, a two-hour time limit, and is offered either at a local school, a PSI testing center or through live remote proctoring at the location of the student's choice. All NHA certification programs are accredited by The National Commission for Certifying Agencies ("NCCA"). The [Candidate Handbook](#) includes specifics about CPCT and all NHA certifications. Answers to common questions and additional information about the exam and credential can be found on the [NHA FAQs page](#).

Who is eligible for the credential?

Student concentrators in state-approved CTE programs who have completed at least two Perkins Course Competencies (PCC) with a 2.0 or better and have completed the qualifications and instruction required by the credentialing body may take the credential exam.

A PCC is a specific set of related CTE competencies based on standards from one CIP code that are grouped together. For Perkins V reporting, standardized courses will be termed "PCCs." (Source: [Perkins V FINAL Definitions: Course, Participant, Concentrator, Completer](#) memo)

Credentials earned may be recorded for students in the Career and Technical Education Information System (CTEIS) through August 31st of the student's graduation year. Step-by-step instructions on how to enter credentials in CTEIS can be found here: [Manage Credentials Guide](#).



Contact Information

Credential and Testing Information

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