

**PRACTICUM IN HEALTH SCIENCE:  
PCT/EKG TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION 2020-2021**



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**ROOM:** CT-103

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<b>CONFERENCE PERIOD:</b>	8:30 a.m. - 9:20 a.m-	First 3 weeks
	7:05 a.m. – 7:56 a.m-	After first 3 weeks

**COURSE DESCRIPTION AND GOALS:**

This certification program is designed to prepare students for post-secondary education and will serve as a bridge to their desired career in the medical field. The employment outlook for PCT and EKG Technicians is expected to grow through 2020 due to the high demand for healthcare. Our program will help prepare students for entry into high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand careers, and will bridge the economic gap. Students who successfully complete this course will be eligible to take the certification exams through American Allied Health and obtain their credentials as a Certified Patient Care Technician (CPCT) and Certified Electrocardiogram Technician (CET).

**Certifications:**

The PCT and EKG Certification exams will be provided by American Allied Health. The PCT exam is 150 questions and you will have 2 hours to take the exam. You must score a minimum of 75% to pass the exam. The cost for the PCT exam is \$110 and includes one free retake if needed.

**SUPPLIES NEEDED ON FIRST DAY OF CLASS:**

- **2 packs of 3x5 index cards**
- **12 BLACK ink pens**
- **12 No. 2 pencils**
- **1 pack multicolor ink pens OR multicolor pencils**
- **4 packs of college or wide-ruled notebook paper**
- **One 2 inch binder with pockets and clear outside inserts**
- **2 packs of dividers**
- **1 box of Quart size plastic baggies**
- **1- 8 oz. bottle of hand sanitizer**
- **2 boxes of nitrile gloves in appropriate size (not “one size fits all”)**

**GRADES:**

- Formative: 50% (Daily work, Participation, Homework, Quiz, Skills practice)
- Summative: 50% (Written/Skills test, Projects)

**Make-up Work:** It is the responsibility of the student to make up all missed work as soon as they return from an absence. Absence will not be an excuse for missing an assignment. The student will have as many days as he/she was absent to make up tests and/or other work.

**Late Work:** Any work turned in late will have 10 points deducted per day. Late work will not be accepted after 3 days from the due date.

**CLASSROOM RULES:**

1. Arrive to class on time, prepared and ready to work every day. Have all necessary supplies to be successful for the day.
2. Leave your work space clean and neat. Dispose of all trash in the proper receptacle. All messes left behind will reflect negatively on the student's class participation grade.

3. Please do not leave until dismissed by the instructor. Do not pack up early. Do not line up by the door.
4. At the beginning of class each day, **silence your cell phone and place it in your assigned pocket in the holder at the front of the room.**
5. Our classroom is equipped with state-of-the-art technology and equipment that belongs to all the students in the district. Any student who purposely misuses any device or equipment will be subject to disciplinary action.
6. All rules in the DHS Student Handbook will be enforced.

#### **COURSE DISCLOSURE:**

Due to the nature of the EKG course, students will be required to administer EKGs and electrode placement on each other. The class instructor will be present at all times and will also participate in administering these tests for demonstration purposes. Female students must wear a sports bra during lab. All students will be appropriately draped in order to maintain modesty.

During the PCT portion of this course, you will be participating in laboratory activities in which learning requires the use of human subjects as part of the training. As a part of these learning activities, you will be asked to perform specific skills as well as be the subject of specific skills practiced by students. These learning activities are conducted under the supervision of the course instructor.

#### **SKILLS COMPLETION DEADLINE:**

In order for students to register for their certification exams at the end of their program, they must complete the skills requirements by the designated deadline. There is simply not enough time during the class period to achieve all that has to be accomplished. Students are required to attend after school skills labs for the purpose of completing this skills requirement. The student will be informed of their after school labs by their instructors after the school year begins,

allowing time for the student to make transportation and work-related arrangements, as necessary. ***It is the student's responsibility to attend these skill labs as well as communicate with their instructor any issues they may be experiencing regarding attendance. Failure to successfully complete the following skill requirements by the designated deadline will result in the student not being able to register for their certification exam.***

***My signature below indicates that I have fully read this agreement and both understand and acknowledge the information provided. I agree to meet this program's expectations set forth. (Please sign in black or blue ink and return to Ms. Begnaud by August 28, 2020 for a daily grade.)***

Student's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_