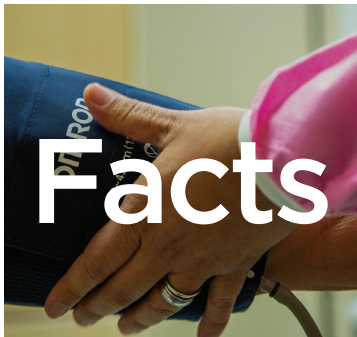


PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN (PCT)

Patient care technicians (PCTs) monitor overall patient health and vital signs in medical settings, like hospitals, health clinics, cancer centers, and blood banks, among others. PCTs may assist patients with movement and hygiene care, blood draws and intravenous therapies, and provide information and emotional support to patient families. Under the supervision of a registered nurse or physician, PCTs may focus on specific medical procedures (e.g., phlebotomy, dialysis, emergency care). Many PCTs pursue further education to become a registered nurse (RN).



Demand for PCTs will increase by 7% through 2025.



There is a strong demand for PCTs with 172 unique job postings per month.



Typical education/training required: high school diploma or GED with additional post-secondary and on-the-job training.



PCT jobs within the San Antonio region have a median annual salary of \$30,270.

Consider this role if...

You enjoy working in a fastpaced team environment.

You are comfortable handling blood and other bodily fluids.

You have a keen attention to detail, documentation, and monitoring patterns.

Your friends would describe you as flexible, patient, and empathetic.

You care about the well-being of others and want them to be comfortable.

You have flexibility to work varied shifts that may include nights, weekends, and holidays.

**Is this role
a match
for your
personality?**

**Is this role
a match for
your career
goals?**

In-Demand Knowledge and Skills

- Training in phlebotomy, vital sign measurement, and various other medical procedures
- Strong communication skills, patience, flexibility, empathy, and emotional intelligence
- Basic knowledge of medical terminology, anatomy, and physiology
- Knowledge of medical safety and sanitation procedures

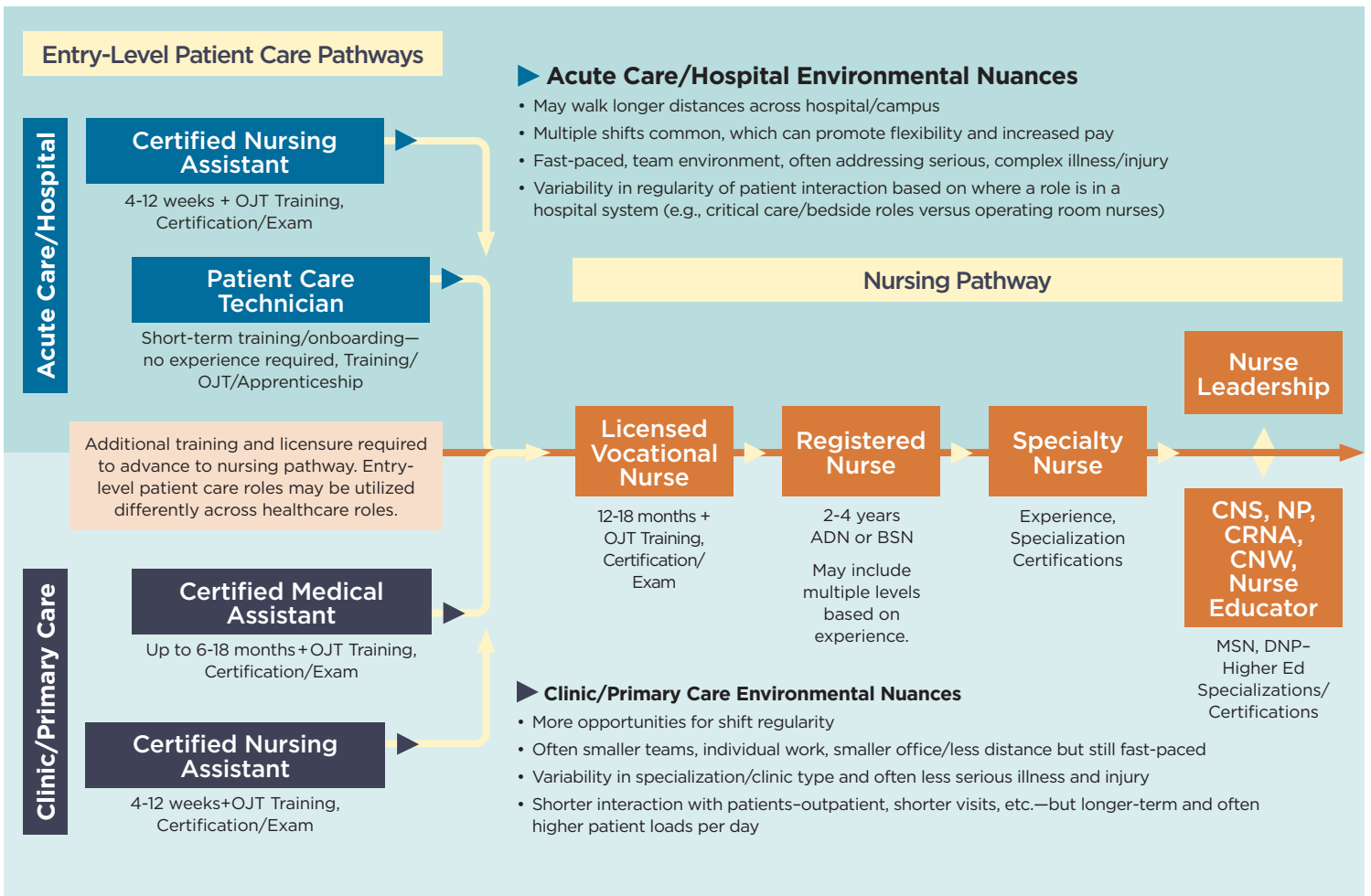
Typical On-the-Job Duties

- Assist patients with dietary and basic needs
- Monitor vital signs and patient condition and report to nurses and physicians
- Collect fluid samples or other specimens for testing
- Move, turn, or relocate patients, as necessary
- Ensure stock of medical supplies
- Assist nurses and physicians with basic treatment

What career options do I have?

Entry-level patient care roles, like PCTs, require some education, training, and/or certification, with the option to pursue education and licensure as a vocational (LVN) or registered (RN) nurse. A PCT is a great entry-point to patient-facing healthcare careers. Many people in entry-level patient care roles obtain additional schooling and certification as a nurse (LVN, RN) in an acute care or clinic setting.

Patient Care Technician Pathway



SUCCESS STORY

Working in a senior living community, Janet provides focused, quality care to each resident by treating them like her own family. Janet's dedication to the mission of the work provides opportunities for growth and leadership. Currently serving as a PRN with Morningside Ministries, Janet has been in the field for over 20 years serving in roles as a 1-on-1 provider. Janet's passion for her work allowed her the opportunity to return to school to complete a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program. Through additional internal upskilling and training programs, Janet's commitment to quality patient care led to her promotion as PRN Trainer for all new hires. Janet takes pride in her new role and enjoys showing new hires the Morningside Ministries way!



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