



*The Center for Allied Health
and Nursing*

El Centro College

Health Professions Readiness Awards Patient Care Technician Level I Certificate

- Revised for 2018-19 application -

El Centro College offers two levels of Health Professions Readiness Awards (HPRA). The awards are designed to promote student success in the allied health program of their choice, prepare students for application to multiple allied health programs, and completion of the awards also results in the acquisition of demonstrable workforce skills for graduates of the award programs.

Students who are awarded Health Professions Readiness Awards I and II meet Category 1 of the Application Eligibility Categories for application to the El Centro College Allied Health Associate Degree programs listed below:

Adult Cardiac Sonography
Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Invasive Cardiovascular Technology
Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Medical Laboratory Technology
Respiratory Care
Radiologic Sciences
Surgical Technology

Please see the individual Allied Health information packets for complete application guidelines including Health Professions Readiness Award I and II documentation and any additional entry requirement courses, additional assessment testing, etc.

After successful completion of HPRA I and II, students may then pursue the Patient Care Technician Certificate by enrolling in two additional courses: HPRS 1201 and NUPC 1191. The six courses of the HPRA I and II, HPRS 1201 and NUPC 1191 will complete the Patient Care Technician curriculum. Students interested in obtaining the Health Professions Readiness Awards I and II and the Patient Care Technician Certificate should indicate the degree code as their program of study: **C1.VN.PAT.CARE.TECH**

This information packet contains specific guidelines and requirements for receiving the Health Professions Readiness Awards I and II and the Patient Care Technician Certificate.

EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

Educational opportunities are offered by El Centro College without regard to race, color, age, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or sexual orientation.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS READINESS AWARD I

The Health Professions Readiness Award I is comprised of a block of three Health Occupations Core Curriculum/HPRS courses for a total of six (6) credit hours.

The Health Professions Readiness Award I includes the following courses which must be completed with a minimum grade of “C” or higher.

HPRS 1202 – Wellness and Health Promotion

HPRS 1204 – Basic Health Professions Skills I

HPRS 2231 – General Health Professions Management *

* HPRS 2231 – General Health Professions Management is the capstone experience for the Health Professions Readiness Award I program.

Upon completion of the three courses of the Health Professions Readiness Award I, the student must submit an Award Completion Application form to the Health Occupations Admissions Office in order to be presented with the HPRA I award.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS READINESS AWARD II

The Health Professions Readiness Award II is comprised of a block of three Health Occupations Core Curriculum/HPRS courses for a total of seven (7) credit hours.

The Health Professions Readiness Award II is awarded to students completing the following courses with a minimum grade of “C” or higher:

HPRS 2201 – Pathophysiology

HPRS 2210 – Basic Health Professions Skills II *

HPRS 2300 – Pharmacology for the Health Professions

* HPRS 1204 – Basic Health Professions Skills I is the prerequisite for HPRS 2210.

Upon completion of the three courses of the Health Professions Readiness Award II, the student must submit an Award Completion Application form to the Health Occupations Admissions Office in order to be presented with the HPRA II award.

PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN LEVEL I CERTIFICATE

Patient Care Technicians (PCT's) are employed in various healthcare environments such as hospitals, clinics, and long term care facilities. Under the supervision of nursing staff and other medical personnel, PCT's provide direct patient care such as head-to-toe assessments and documentation; EKG's and identifying basic arrhythmias; venipuncture, /IV starts and management; medication administration; vital signs, and basic first aid skills.

After completing the six "HPRS" courses for the HPRA I and II certificates, students enroll in and complete two additional courses in order to fulfill the requirements for the Patient Care Technician (PCT) Level I Certificate. The successful completion of these eight courses will prepare the student to sit for the National Certified Patient Care Technician/Assistant exam for the CPCT/A credential from the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) which is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies. The exam is administered at the conclusion of the NUPC 1191 capstone course.

Please note that the CPCT/A credential is not required to apply to an El Centro College health occupations program.

The curriculum of the Patient Care Technician Level I Certificate is found below.

PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN LEVEL I CERTIFICATE

		Lec Hrs	Lab Hrs	Ext Hrs	Contact Hrs	Cr Hrs
HPRS 1201	Introduction to Health Professions #	2	1	0	48	2
HPRS 1202	Wellness and Health Promotion *	2	0	0	32	2
HPRS 1204	Basic Health Professions Skills I *	1	3	0	64	2
HPRS 2201	Pathophysiology **	2	1	0	48	2
HPRS 2210	Basic Health Professions Skills II **	1	3	0	64	2
HPRS 2231	General Health Professions Management *	1	2	0	48	2
HPRS 2300	Pharmacology for Health Professions **	3	0	0	48	3
NUPC 1191	Special Topics in Patient Care Assistant/Aide #	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL SEMESTER I CREDIT HOURS		13	11	0	384	16

* *Health Professions Readiness Award I*

** *Health Professions Readiness Award II*

NUPC 1191 Special Topics in Patient Care Assistant/Aide is the capstone experience for this award. Enrollment in NUPC 1191 is by special permission only. HPRS 1201 can be completed with other HPRS courses, separately, or with NUPC 1191

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The HPRS courses are offered throughout the academic year. Students are not required to enroll in all courses during the same semester but may enroll in one or two at a time.
2. The HPRA I and II awards and the Patient Care Technician Certificate are processed at the end of an official graduation semester in May, December, and August.
3. Students must have submitted all current official transcripts (other than Dallas County Community colleges) to the Registrar's Office at El Centro College or one of the other Dallas County Community colleges. The official transcripts must have a print date of less than three years prior to enrollment to be valid. Failure to submit official transcripts will void a Completion Application for the Health Professions Readiness Certificates I and II and El Centro College Allied Health Associate Degree programs.
4. The successful completion of both Health Professions Readiness Awards will meet Category 1 of the Application Eligibility Categories which are required for application to the El Centro College Allied Health Associate Degree programs; however, completion of the Awards does not guarantee that student will be accepted to an Allied Health program.
5. *Prior Learning Assessment Portfolio Credit*

Individuals who have current patient care experience through formal or informal training as a patient care technician, paramedic, certified nurse aide, etc. may be eligible to receive credit for HPRS courses through enrollment in a specific Human Development course and submitting a portfolio documenting their training and experience. The HDEV course is not an expedited process and takes the length of a full semester. The course is offered in fall and spring semesters. Enrollment in this specific HDEV section is by special permission of the HPRS/PCT coordinator. NOTE: Actual credit for the HPRS courses may not appear on an official transcript until the student has completed one full semester in the program curriculum. Contact the HPRS/PCT coordinator at HPRSECC@dcccd.edu for more information.

6. RNSG 1301 – Pharmacology and RNSG 1311 – Pathophysiology are acceptable substitutions for HPRS 2300 – Pharmacology for Health Professions and HPRS 2201 – Pathophysiology, respectively.
7. El Centro College students who are enrolled in 6 credit hours or more during a fall or spring semester and 3 credit hours or more during a summer semester are entitled to a free DART train/bus pass for that semester. DART passes are available two weeks after the semester begins. See the Cashier's Office for details.
8. Individuals who were first-time college freshman students in Fall 2007 or after are subject to the guidelines of section 51.907 of the Texas Education Code which prohibits a student from dropping more than six (6) college level credit courses during their entire undergraduate career. For more information on the 6 Drop rule, see the official college catalog online at:

<https://www1.dcccd.edu/Catalog/GeneralInfo/GradesTranscripts/dw.cfm?loc=ECC>

9. El Centro College charges a higher tuition rate for courses in which a student registers for the third or more times. The “Third Attempt” policy includes courses taken at any of the Dallas County Community colleges since the Fall 2002 semester. Developmental courses are not considered in this policy. For more information regarding the “Third Attempt” policy, please see the link at:

https://www1.dcccd.edu/Catalog/GeneralInfo/GradesTranscripts/third_attempt.cfm?loc=ECC

10. Financial Aid

Students should apply for Financial Aid Office well in advance of program application. More information on filing procedures and deadlines is found at:

<https://www.dcccd.edu/PC/FA>

11. Please contact the individuals below for assistance (physical addresses):

Academic Advising/Counseling
Room A-110
801 Main Street
Dallas, TX 75202-3604
Email: eccadvising@dcccd.edu
Telephone: 214-860-2083
214-860-2415

Health Occupations Admissions
El Centro College
801 Main Street
Dallas, TX 75202
Email: ECCHOAO@dcccd.edu

The official mailing address for all application materials and correspondence is:

Health Professions Readiness Awards
Health Occupations Admissions Office
El Centro College/Paramount
801 Main Street
Dallas TX 75202-3604

Official transcripts should be mailed to:

Registrar
El Centro College
801 Main Street
Dallas, TX 75202-3604

Electronic transcripts must be sent directly to:

Registrar-ECC@dcccd.edu

Program information packets are revised September 1st of each year and other times as needed when program guidelines are subject to change. Students are responsible for insuring they have the latest program information packet available at that time from the website below:

<https://www.ElCentroCollege.edu/Health-Packets>

Health Occupations webpage:

<https://www.ElCentroCollege.edu/HealthCareers>

Health Occupations Admissions Office webpage:

<https://www.ElCentroCollege.edu/HealthOccAdmissions>

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ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR THE HPRA AWARD *

	Dallas County <u>Resident</u>	Out of County <u>Texas Resident</u>	Out of State/ <u>Country</u> <u>Resident</u>
HEALTH PROFESSIONS READINESS AWARD I			
Tuition - (6 credit hours)	\$ 354.00	\$ 666.00	\$ 1,044.00
Textbooks	180.00	180.00	180.00
Lab Packet	45.00	45.00	45.00
Total	<u>\$ 579.00</u>	<u>\$ 891.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,269.00</u>
HEALTH PROFESSIONS READINESS AWARD II			
Tuition (7 credit hours)	\$ 413.00	\$ 777.00	\$ 1,218.00
Textbooks	235.00	235.00	235.00
Lab Pack	42.00	42.00	42.00
Liability Insurance	11.70	11.70	11.70
Total	<u>\$ 701.70</u>	<u>\$ 1,065.70</u>	<u>\$ 1,506.70</u>
PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN (in addition to HPRA I & II totals above)			
Tuition (3 credit hours) **	\$ 177.00	\$ 333.00	\$ 522.00
Textbooks	69.00	69.00	69.00
Liability Insurance	11.70	11.70	11.70
CPCT/A exam ***	155.00	155.00	155.00
Total	<u>\$ 412.70</u>	<u>\$ 568.70</u>	<u>\$ 757.70</u>
GRAND TOTAL FOR PCT PROGRAM	\$ 1,693.40	\$ 2,525.40	\$ 3,533.40

* Tuition and other fees are subject to change. See official catalog for tuition table. Tuition above is current for September 2018. See Accounting Office for Tuition Payment Plan option.

** Tuition and credit hours for HPRS 1201 and NUJC 1191 if taken concurrently. HPRS 1201 may be taken with other HPRS courses prior to NUJC 1191.

*** CPCT/A exam is after completion of the PCT program. This fee is not paid to El Centro College.

Other costs to consider: Personal health care insurance coverage, transportation and Parking Fees to El Centro.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS READINESS AWARD CHECKLIST

This checklist is provided to assist you in following the steps toward completing the Health Professions Readiness Awards and the Patient Care Technician Certificate.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS READINESS AWARD I

1. _____ Obtain the Health Professions Readiness Award information packet.
2. _____ Complete an application for college admission if you are not currently enrolled at a DCCCD campus.
3. _____ Submit official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities to El Centro College Registrar's Office or at another Dallas County Community college. Print dates of transcripts must be within the last three years to be valid.
4. _____ Enroll in and complete the following courses with a minimum grade of "C" or higher:
_____ HPRS 1202 _____ HPRS 1204 _____ HPRS 2231
5. _____ ***After successfully completing the above three courses*** with a grade of "C" or higher in each, complete an Award Completion form and submit it to the Health Occupations Admissions Office in Room P-101 to be awarded the Health Professions Readiness Award I.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS READINESS AWARD II

1. _____ After successfully completing the Health Professions Readiness Award I, enroll in and complete the following courses with a minimum grade of "C" or higher;
_____ HPRS 2201 _____ HPRS 2210 _____ HPRS 2300
2. _____ ***After successfully completing the above three courses*** with a minimum grade of "C" or higher in each, complete an Award Completion form and submit it to the Health Occupations Admissions Office in Room P-101 to be awarded the Health Professions Readiness Award II.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED BOTH HPRA AWARDS AND WHO WISH TO PURSUE THE PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN PROGRAM MUST NOTIFY THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ADMISSIONS OFFICE FOR PERMISSION TO ENROLL IN NUPC 1191.

PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE

1. _____ After completing the Health Professions Readiness Awards I and II, enroll in and complete the following courses with a minimum grade of "C" or higher:
_____ HPRS 1201 _____ NUPC 1191 (requires permission to register)
2. _____ ***After successfully completing the six courses in HPRA I, HPRA II and the additional courses HPRS 1201 and NUPC 1191*** with a minimum grade of "C" or higher in each course, complete an El Centro College online *Application for Graduation* or obtain a paper application from the Health Occupations Admissions Office in Room P-108. PCT certificates of completion are processed during standard graduation processing in May, August, and December each year.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS READINESS AWARD I AWARD COMPLETION FORM

After successfully completing the three courses for the Health Professions Readiness Award I, the student should complete this form and submit it to the Health Occupations Admissions Office in Room P-101 in the Paramount Building. An award of completion will then be presented to the student during standard graduation processing (May, August, December).

A copy of the award of completion may be included with the student's application materials for the El Centro College Allied Health programs.

Student Name _____ ID _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

LIST ALL COLLEGES ATTENDED OUTSIDE THE DCCCD:

Official transcripts must be on file before the award will be awarded. Transcripts with print dates older than three (3) years must be re-submitted.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR NAME TO APPEAR ON YOUR AWARD? PLEASE PRINT

DATE

**HEALTH PROFESSIONS READINESS AWARD II
AWARD COMPLETION FORM**

After successfully completing the three courses for the Health Professions Readiness Award II, the student should complete this form and submit it to the Health Occupations Admissions Office in Room P-101 in the Paramount Building. An award of completion will then be presented to the student.

A copy of the Award of completion should be included with the student's application materials for the El Centro College Allied Health programs.

Student Name _____ ID _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

LIST ALL COLLEGES ATTENDED OUTSIDE THE DCCCD:

Official transcripts must be on file before the award will be awarded. Transcripts with print dates older than three (3) years must be re-submitted.

_____ I HAVE COMPLETED BOTH THE HPRA I & HPRA II AWARDS AND WISH TO PURSUE THE PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE. I UNDERSTAND IF I HAVE NOT TAKEN HPRS 1201, I MUST ENROLL IN THAT COURSE WITH NUCP 1191.

PLEASE ENROLL ME INTO NUCP 1191 – SPECIAL TOPICS IN PATIENT CARE ASSISTANT/AIDE

FOR THE _____ 20_____ SEMESTER:
FALL / SPRING / SUMMER

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR NAME TO APPEAR ON YOUR AWARD? PLEASE PRINT

DATE