

CAREER AND TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE - MENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN

Previous Degree Required: HS Diploma

Eligible for Financial Aid: No

Delivery Method(s): On-Campus

Location(s): Melbourne

Additional Limited Access Application Process Required: Yes

Program Testing Requirements: TABE - Test of Adult Basic Education

Academic Community: HSCI

Program Code: MHTC

Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 51.1502

Florida Department of Education CIP Code: 0351150204

- **Leads to State or Organizational License or Certification:** Upon successful completion of the first 165 clock hours, students will be eligible to take the Florida Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) examination. After successful completion of the program and further work experience of 1,000 hours of competency in the fields of mental health or substance abuse, students may also be eligible to sit for the Florida Certification Board (FCB) exam to become credentialed as a Certified Behavioral Health Technician (CBHT).
- **Cost Associated with taking the exam:** TBD
- **Where to take the exam:** [Florida Certification Board](#) for [Certified Nursing Assistant \(CNA\) by Examination](#)

The Mental Health Technician (MHT) Program prepares students for employment as mental health technicians, psychiatric aides or technicians, and nursing assistants. The MHT works in a variety of healthcare facilities under the supervision of a psychiatrist, registered nurse, counselor or social worker to participate in development and implementation of basic nursing care and therapeutic treatment plans for patients with mental health, substance abuse, and addiction issues. Students will complete all of the Florida Department of Education mandatory training requirements for individuals entering a healthcare field and specific career-based training in physical assessment, psychiatric and substance abuse disorders, developmental disabilities, health and wellness education, emergency and crisis intervention, and basic nursing assistant skills.

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Refer to the [Career and Technical Certificates](#) overview page to find information about admission, graduation, testing, and other requirements.

Visit the [program page](#) for more information or call 321-433-7575.

Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Clock Hours
HSC 0003	Basic Healthcare Worker	90
HCP 0621	Articulated Nursing Assistant	75
HCP 0810	Mental Health Technician	315
Total Clock Hours		480

A grade of 'C' or higher is necessary in each course for progression and graduation.

Learning Outcomes

1. Perform Blood Pressure measurement accurate to within 4 mmHg both systolic and diastolic in laboratory & clinical environment to assist health care team.
 - *Supports Core Ability: Work Cooperatively*
2. Demonstrate successful integration of knowledge across the curriculum.
 - *Supports Core Ability: Process Information*
3. Demonstrate effective working relationships needed to accomplish team goals & objectives
 - *Supports Core Ability: Work Cooperatively*
4. Perform hand washing according to skill performance checklist in laboratory & clinical environment for patient & team safety
 - *Supports Core Ability: Work Cooperatively*
5. Synthesize knowledge and skills to pass the FL state CNA exam.
 - *Supports Core Ability: Process Information*