

Patient Care Technician

Associated Industries: Business, Management, & Administration | Health Science | Human Services | Law & Public Safety | Life, Physical, and Social Science (STEM)

Description and Labor Market Information

Patient Care Technicians are multi-skilled allied healthcare professionals who may administer medications, assist with minor procedures, record vital signs, take medical histories, prepare patients and rooms for examinations, handle laboratory specimens, provide patient education, and more.

This credential was associated with 16 occupations that were identified as well-paying and in demand. Overall, those occupations represent 19,916 positions with 2,233 annual openings within the state and median hourly earnings of \$23.95.

Sample Occupations

Nursing Assistants

Median Hourly Earnings: \$16.76
 Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: Postsecondary nondegree award
 Total Positions: 5,304
 Annual Job Openings: 648

Health Technologists and Technicians

Median Hourly Earnings: \$23.64
 Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: Postsecondary nondegree award
 Total Positions: 550
 Annual Job Openings: 50

Medical Assistants

Median Hourly Earnings: \$17.99
 Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: Postsecondary nondegree award
 Total Positions: 4,005
 Annual Job Openings: 492

Certifying Entity Information

National Healthcareer Association
Website: www.nhanow.com
Phone: (800) 499-9092
Local Availability:
 Prometric Testing Center

Exam Details

Age Requirement: N/A
Coursework/Hours to Complete: None
Length of Certification Validity: 2 years
Exam Cost: \$155
Exam Time: 1 hour, 50 min.
Number of Questions: 100
Pass Rate: N/A

PROMISING CREDENTIALS IN HAWAII

This project has been a joint effort between Kamehameha Schools, the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, University of Hawaii P-20, and the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation.

Students in Hawaii can earn hundreds of industry-recognized credentials right now. Thousands of students are investing time and resources to achieve these credentials with the hope they will lead to a career that enables them to live and thrive in Hawaii. But how effective are these programs at preparing Hawaii students for future careers and long-term success?

Promising Credentials in Hawaii, a first-of-its-kind analysis for our state, looks at whether the credentials students can earn actually matter in the real world to local employers.

Through intensive labor market analysis and outreach to local Hawaii businesses, this project has identified **137 Promising Credentials** that are associated with in-demand, living wage occupations throughout the state. The process began with identifying **274 Promising Occupations** that met wage and demand thresholds. A list of corresponding credentials for the 274 occupations was then compiled using job postings data. Finally, Hawaii employers from across the state completed surveys and participated in focus groups to narrow the list of nearly 2,000 credentials down to the 137 credentials they say matter most when making hiring and promotion decisions.

The resulting Promising Credentials were identified as relevant in hiring and promotional decisions for multiple in demand and well-paying occupations within the state. A detailed one-page summary of each of these Promising Credentials has been organized for student, school, and community use.

The comprehensive report and associated data can be found at www.HawaiiCareerPathways.org.