

# Healthcare Training in Ellenville

## PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN / ASSISTANT

### **Target Audience:**

Recruitment will focus on incumbent workers at Ellenville Hospital and community members with or without other entry-level healthcare credentials.

### **What Patient Care Technicians Do:**

Patient Care Technicians work with patients under the direct supervision of health care professionals. They help patients with tasks such as bathing, dressing, and eating. They also assist with taking patients' temperature, blood pressure, pulse, and respiration.

### **Education:**

Additional training is needed to attain competency in the skills necessary for this occupation. It prepares technicians to take the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) - Certified Patient Care Technician (CPCT); Certified Nurse Technician (CNT); and/or Certified Patient Care Associate (CPCA) national certification exams.

**Pay:** \$20,980 annually, based on median pay for 2015. Entry-level wages are often lower than the median.

### **Skills:**

Patient Care Technicians should be service orientated and actively look for ways to help people. They should be perceptive and aware of others' reactions. They should possess good critical thinking skills, think logically and exercise good judgment. Patient Care Technicians should have decision making skills and be good time managers.

### **Work Environment:**

Most personal care aides work in large care communities or clients' homes, or small group homes. Ellenville Hospital has discussed an immediate need for hiring people with this credential.

### **Job Outlook:**

The average growth rate for this occupation is 7%.

### **Class Schedule:**

Fourteen weeks, meeting Monday and Wednesday, 6-9:30 PM with five Saturday classes, from 9AM – 4 PM.

### **Proposed:**

Class would serve:

- 2 – 4 incumbent workers at Ellenville Hospital
- 6 participants from the community
- Minimally 10 people in the training but up to 20 people can be accommodated. Tuition for the additional 10 registrants from the community would be paid for with WIOA training money.

**Cost:** \$1899 tuition and books + \$155 test fee = \$2054/person

**Total Request:** Up to \$20,540 payable to SUNY Ulster