



# Professional Health Careers

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PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CAREERS is available only to seniors who have previously taken the Nurse Assisting program. Seniors must have either passed the Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) examination during their junior year or, if not, be Certificate eligible (passed the Nurse Assisting class, fulfilled their clinic hours, and met the attendance requirement). Those seniors who complete the entire program sequence and are Certified Nurse Assistants will qualify to take the Patient Care Technician Certification examination. At Wilson Tech, opportunities for Advanced Standing in adult Practical Nursing and Surgical Technology are available provided that the student fulfills the stated criteria.

## Prerequisite

Students must complete Nurse Assisting in junior year.

## Work Environment

Health professionals work in a variety of health care facilities. Depending on the position, they can work any shift, including weekends and holidays.

## Career Opportunities

Hospitals, Physicians' Offices, Rehabilitation Centers, Clinics, Long Term Care Facilities

## Advanced Standing Available\*

Dowling College  
Pennsylvania College of Technology  
SBI Campus  
SUNY Canton  
Wilson Tech Adult LPN and Surgical Technology

- Students will be eligible to receive advanced standing with a minimum grade of 80%, in Therapeutic Communications and Study Skills for the Practical Nursing and Surgical Technology adult programs at Wilson Tech.
- Matriculation occurs within 6 months.
- Passing grade in pre-entrance exam for Practical Nursing and Surgical Technology.

\*Advanced Standing may be available to those who successfully complete this Tech course. See Articulation Agreements on page 41.

## Employment Outlook

With increased demands for care of the sick and disabled, Certified Nurse Assistants, Patient Care Technicians, LPNs, Surgical Technologists, Medi-

cal Assistants and RNs will remain in great demand both locally and nationwide.

**Starting Salary:** Approximate yearly salary ranges are as follows:

Practical Nursing: \$41,000,  
Medical Assistant: \$29,000,  
Nurse Assistant: \$30,000  
Surgical Technician: \$49,000

## Student Supplies

1. White uniform, Navy zip front top and pants, Navy scrubs
2. Nursing shoes
3. Name pin
4. Physical examination
5. Watch with second hand (not digital)

## Certification Requirements

Those who complete the entire program may complete sequence requirements. Students who are Certified Nurse Assistants will qualify to take the NCCT Certification exam for Patient Care Technician.

## Helpful Preparatory Courses

- Biology
- Chemistry

## Academic credits integrated:

See chart, page 26

## CTE Endorsement

In order to be granted the Technical Diploma endorsement, students must successfully meet the academic and attendance criteria for a two-year Wilson Tech Certificate of Completion, including Career and Financial Management (CFM), and pass the following national certification exam: NYS Nurse Aide Competency exam.

## Course Requirements

Students must have a complete physical in order to participate in the clinical component and a two year Infant, Child & Adult CPR certification.

## Course Outline

- Fundamentals of Health Care
- Personal/Vocational Relationships
- Study Skills
- Therapeutic Communication
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Basic Computer Technology
- Human Body–Health & Disease
- Mental Health
- Clinical Practice–Offsite (*students must meet criteria prior to clinical placement*)

## Consider this class at Tech

- Nurse Assisting (prerequisite)