

Mental Health Technician

INDUSTRY FACTS



What do mental health technicians do?

Mental health technicians are on the frontlines of a battle very few know how to win. They provide valuable guidance in an area of healthcare that was dismissed and ignored for a long time. And now, after years and years of neglect, mental health technicians are picking up the pieces. Here's a breakdown of their responsibilities:

- Leading patients in therapeutic and recreational activities
- Observing behavior
- Listening to patient concerns
- Assisting with daily activities like eating and bathing

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Where do they work?

Mental health technicians work in a variety of environments that range from psychiatric and substance abuse hospitals to outpatient care facilities.

How much do they earn?

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics, the average salary for this role is \$36,230*. Remember that salaries vary based on location, facility, and experience level.

How's the job outlook?

Employment of mental health technicians is projected to grow 9% through 2031, much faster than other occupations.*

* Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. "Psychiatric Technicians and Aides" Occupational Outlook Handbook. Accessed April 25, 2023.

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PROGRAM DETAILS

Prepare For A Better Job

Train affordably without sacrificing quality. This program's comprehensive training was developed by industry professionals with years of experience – specifically designed to help you prepare for the American Association of Psychiatric Technicians (AAPT) and Certified Electronic Health Records Specialist (CEHRS) certification exams.

Learn Your Way (From Home)

With online training, you can absorb more knowledge and learn more skills—fast.

- Study on a schedule that fits your life
- Progress at a pace that matches your learning style
- Adjust the time and effort you devote to your coursework each day

Receive Coaching and Guidance

When you train with CareerStep, we back you every step of the way—from enrollment through course completion.

- Learner support
- Technical support
- Career support (interview coaching and resume reviews)

Get Certified

We'll help you prepare to take nationally recognized exams so you can explore greater opportunities in your area.

- **American Association of Psychiatric Technicians Level 1 (AAPT)**
- **Certified Electronic Health Records Specialist (CEHRS)**

Program Courses

Course Name
Program Orientation: Mental Health Technician
Fundamentals of HIPAA
Communication and Customer Service in the Healthcare Office
Patient Care Coordination and Education
Comprehensive Medical Terminology
Pharmacology Basics for Medical Assisting
Infection Control
Testing and Laboratory Procedures
Medical Administrative Assistant
EKG and Cardiovascular
Comprehensive Electronic Health Records
Psychology and Psychiatric Disorders
Program Completion: Mental Health Technician