

PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN

Psychiatric or Mental Health Technicians provide therapeutic care for individuals who have mental illnesses, emotional conditions, or developmental disabilities helping to de-escalate situations and manage crises. This role is hired in hospitals, but is managed in other ways for other healthcare settings.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

Employability Skill Requirement

- Interpersonal communication
- Critical thinking
- Social perception (comprehension, reasoning, expression)
- Reading comprehension
- Active listening
- Problem sensitivity
- Deductive/inductive reasoning
- Effective written/oral communication
- Timeliness and follow through
- Team player

Competency Requirements

- Educates patients in selfcare
- Records and reports patient physical and emotional well being
- Provides individual therapies for psychiatric disorders
- Assesses patient response to illness
- Communicates and assists doctors, psychologists, or rehabilitation therapists working with mentally ill
- Administers Medication and Treatment
- Identifies patient goals and modifies plans as needed
- Documents/records patient information in written or electronic form
- Analyzes information and evaluates results to choose best solution and solve problems
- Enforces policies in compliance with regulations

Credentials

- No required credentials, on-the-job training or course

Education

- High School or equivalent, required
- Associates Degree, not required