**CTE Program Narrative**

1. **Statement of Program Goals and Objectives**

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| The Porterville College Psychiatric Technology Certificate of Achievement endorses the mission of Porterville college which is: "With students as our focus, Porterville College provides our local and diverse communities quality education that promotes intellectual curiosity, personal growth, and lifelong learning, while preparing student for vocational and academic success."  The Porterville College Psychiatric Technology program adheres to this mission when offering the Psychiatric Technology Certificate of Achievement. The mission of the Psychiatric Technician Program is to provide an innovative, student-centered educational program that prepares diverse students as candidates to become Psychiatric Technicians to provide safe, quality, evidence-based care in the current healthcare environment. The program is market-conscious as it prepares students to practice as a Psychiatric Technician in a variety of healthcare environments with input from the community represented through the program's Advisory Committee. Upon completion of the program the graduate is qualified to take the California Psychiatric Technician Licensing Examination.  In alignment with the mission of Porterville College, the psychiatric technician program provides a solid base for continued lifelong learning as a Psychiatric Technician. Although the Psychiatric Technician program is not a degree program, the psychiatric technician graduates are prepared with the necessary knowledge, skills, and competencies to continue their education.  Employment in the field for licensed psychiatric technician is good both locally and regionally. The licensed psychiatric technician enjoys a well-compensated, rewarding, highly flexible career, which should continue in the future.  *Pertinent Statutes & Regulations*  Porterville College has an established Psychiatric Technology program and meets the required curriculum from the California Business and Professions Code, Division 25, Chapter 2 Psychiatric Technician, Article 5.  *Entry Criteria and Selection Process*  Refer to enrollment eligibility and enrollment process unit Item 2 Catalog Description section.  *Program Learning Outcomes*   1. Provide safe, therapeutic, client-centered nursing care to diverse clients across the lifespan utilizing evidence based practice in a variety of healthcare settings. 2. Exercise clinical judgment to make client-centered care decisions. 3. Participate in quality improvement processes to improve client care outcomes. 4. Participate in teamwork and collaboration with members of the interdisciplinary team, the client, and the client’s support persons. 5. Use information management systems and client care technology to communicate and support safe client care. 6. Incorporate professionalism, leadership, management, legal, and ethical principles to guide practice as a Psychiatric Technician. |

ESTIMATED EXPENSES other than ordinary course fees

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| **SEMESTER 1** | **COST** |
| Registration fees ($46 per unit)- includes $12 health fee and $5 student center fee | $799.00 |
| Books (sales tax included) | $420.93 |
| Supplies | $50.00 |
| Parking Permit | $20.00 |
| CPR (varies by provider) | $65.00 |
| Physical Exam (varies by provider) | $150.00 |
| Immunizations (varies by provider) | $200.00 |
| Drug Testing | $35.00 |
| Castle Branch Background Check | $42.00 |
| Castle Branch Compliance Tracker | $20.00 |
| LiveScan | $49.00 |
| Uniform with patch | $65.00 |
| Lab Coat | $80.00 |
| Shoes | $50.00 |
| Watch | $35.00 |
| Name Badge | $8.00 |
| Skills Tote (sales tax included) | $111.34 |
| **1st Semester total:** | **$2,200.27** |
| **SEMESTER 2** | **COST** |
| Registration fees ($46 per unit) include $20 parking, $12 health and $5 student center fees | $773.00 |
| Books (sales tax included) | $500.00 |
| Supplies | $50.00 |
| **2nd Semester total:** | **$1,323.00** |
| **SEMESTER 3** | **COST** |
| Registration fees ($46 per unit) include $20 parking, $12 health and $5 student center fees | $750.00 |
| Books (sales tax included) | $130.11 |
| Supplies | $50.00 |
| Castle Branch Compliance Tracker annual fee | $20.00 |
| Graduation Expenses | $50.00 |
| Fingerprinting (for clinical sites) | $77.00 |
| BVNPT Licensing Fees (breakdown): |  |
| Application | $150.00 |
| Fingerprints and photo | $82.00 |
| License Fee | $300.00 |
| **3rd Semester total:** | **$1,609.11** |
| **Program Total:** | **$5,132.38** |

1. **Catalog Description**

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| Psychiatric Technology includes the study of nursing science, developmentally disabilities, and the mentally ill. Courses include Anatomy and Physiology, Fundamental Concepts, Nursing Science, Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing, and Nursing Care of the Client with Developmental Disabilities. This is a three semester certificate program. The program includes classes on the college campus plus clinical training at developmental centers, behavioral health centers, and other approved facilities. Upon completion of the program the graduate is qualified to take the California Psychiatric Technician Licensing Examination.  MISSION  The Porterville College Psychiatric Technology Certificate of Achievement endorses the mission of Porterville college which is: "With students as our focus, Porterville College provides our local and diverse communities quality education that promotes intellectual curiosity, personal growth, and lifelong learning, while preparing student for vocational and academic success."  The Porterville College Psychiatric Technology program adheres to this mission when offering the Psychiatric Technology Certificate of Achievement. The mission of the Psychiatric Technician Program is to provide an innovative, student-centered educational program that prepares diverse students as candidates to become Psychiatric Technicians to provide safe, quality, evidence-based care in the current healthcare environment. 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NOTE: The California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT) shall issue a psychiatric technicians’ license to each applicant who qualifies and successfully passes the licensing examination. An applicant for a psychiatric technician’s license shall have the following qualifications (a) Be at least 18 years of age, (b) have successfully completed an approved general education course of study and training through the 12th grade or the equivalent, (c) have successfully completed a prescribed course of study and training in a school approved by the board. Psychiatric Technician Law Business and Professions Code, Division 2, Chapter 10, Article 2.  NOTE: The BVNPT protects the public by screening applicants for licensure in order to identify potentially unsafe practitioners. The law provides for denial of licensure for crimes or acts, which if committed by a licensed psychiatric technician, would be grounds for disciplinary action. Conviction of any offenses other than minor traffic violations must be reported to the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians at the time of application for licensure. Psychiatric Technician Law Business and Professions Code, Division 2, Chapter 10, section 4511 and Business and Professions Code Division 2, Chapter 10, Article 3. For clarification contact the Psychiatric Technician Program Director or the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 205, Sacramento, CA 95833, (916) 263-7800.  Career Opportunities  Employment in the field for licensed psychiatric technician is good both locally and regionally. The licensed psychiatric technician enjoys a well-compensated, rewarding, highly flexible career, which should continue in the future.  **PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES**  *Program Learning Outcomes*   1. Provide safe, therapeutic, client-centered nursing care to diverse clients across the lifespan utilizing evidence based practice in a variety of healthcare settings. 2. Exercise clinical judgment to make client-centered care decisions. 3. Participate in quality improvement processes to improve client care outcomes. 4. Participate in teamwork and collaboration with members of the interdisciplinary team, the client, and the client’s support persons. 5. Use information management systems and client care technology to communicate and support safe client care. 6. Incorporate professionalism, leadership, management, legal, and ethical principles to guide practice as a Psychiatric Technician.   ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY  *To be eligible for enrollment in the program, the student must meet the following criteria:*   * Graduation from an accredited high school, or successful completion of General Education Development (GED) or California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE). * Possession of a current clear and active California Vocational Nurse (LVN) license at the time of application and throughout program completion. * Completion of the prerequisites within the previous five years with a grade of “C” or better in the following prerequisites   + ANAT P052 Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology OR HCRS P008 Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology for Health Careers, 2 units at Porterville College or equivalent 2 unit semester Anatomy and Physiology course at another accredited college or BVNPT approved Psychiatric Technician or Vocational Nursing program.   + HCRS P009 Health Careers Fundamental Concepts, 2 units at Porterville College or equivalent 2 unit semester Fundamental Concepts course at another accredited college or BVNPT approved Psychiatric Technician or Vocational Nursing program.   ENROLLMENT PROCESS  *Eligible students are selected for the program according to the following steps:*   * Pre-enrollment applications and deadlines for the Psychiatric Technician program are available from the Health Careers Division or program website. * Selection is based on a random selection process from among the qualified applicants and is subject to space availability. Students must reapply each semester. There is no waiting list. * Only students who meet the educational and prerequisite requirements and follow the pre-enrollment procedures will be considered for the program. Meeting all these requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.   NOTE: As a condition of enrollment into the psychiatric technician program, the student is required to have a physical examination, inoculations, tuberculosis clearance, drug screen, background check, and current BLS card (at the student’s expense).  NOTE: The student is responsible for providing uniforms, laboratory fees, necessary equipment and transportation to off-campus laboratory locations. There are morning, afternoon, evening, and weekend clinical experiences that may change with limited notice.  PROGRAM APPROVAL  The Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians approves the Porterville College Psychiatric Technician program.  PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE OF Achievement CURRICULUM  1st Semester   * PSYT Nursing Science Concepts   2nd Semester   * Theories and Concepts of Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing   3rd Semester   * Concepts of Nursing Care of the Client with Developmental Disabilities   POLICY FOR GRANTING CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS EDUCAITON AND/OR EXPERIENCE  The Porterville College Psychiatric Technician Program has established criteria for past education and experience within the last five years. The amount of credit granted will not exceed two thirds (2/3) of the total program hours. All requests for credit for previous education and/or experience will be initiated by the applicant/student, not by Porterville College or its employees.  Transfer credit shall be given for related previous education completed within the last five years. This includes the following courses:   * Approved vocational or practical nursing courses. * Approved registered nursing courses. * Approved psychiatric technician courses. * Armed services nursing courses. * Certified nurse assistant courses. * Other courses the school determines equivalent to courses in the program.   Competency-based credit shall be granted for knowledge and/or skill acquired through experience. Credit shall be determined by written and/or practical examination. (Psychiatric Technician Law Business and Professions Code Section 2581.1).  request for credit granting   * The student shall request credit granting and submit official transcripts or other documents verifying course content and supervised theory and clinical hours. * All requests for granting credit for education or experience and official documents must be submitted to the Program Director with the pre-enrollment application.     Process for Granting Credit for Previous Education:   * Transcripts and other documentation of course content and evidence of hours satisfactorily completed will be reviewed by the Program Director. * The number of credit hours granted and the nature of credit granted will be recorded, signed by the Program Director, and maintained in the student file.   PROCESS FOR GRANTING CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:   * Documents will be reviewed for equivalent experience, content, and hours by the Program Director. * Assessment of knowledge will be conducted by a program instructor who is a content expert in the specific experience area. The assessment may include written and/or practical examinations. * The number of credit hours granted and the nature of credit granted will be recorded, signed by the Program Director and program instructor, and maintained in the student file. |

1. **Program Requirements**

Display of Program Requirements

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| **Prerequisite Core Courses** | **Title** | **Units** |
| ANAT P052  HCRS P008 | Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology OR  Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology for Health Careers | 2 |
| HCRS P009 | Health Careers Fundamental Concepts | 2 |
| Total Required Prerequisite Units | | 4 |
| **Psych Tech Core Courses** | **Title** | **Units** |
| PSYT P001 | Nursing Science Concepts | 15 |
| PSYT P002 | Theories and Concepts of Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing | 18 |
| PSYT P003 | Concepts of Nursing Care of the Client with Developmental Disabilities | 17 |
|  | Total Psych Tech Core Courses | 50 |
| **Total Core Units Required for Certificate of Achievement** | | **54** |

Display of Proposed Sequence

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| **First Semester** | **Units** | **Second Semester** | **Units** |
| ANAT P052 OR  HCRS P008 | 2 | PSYT P001 | 15 |
| HCRS P009 | 2 |  |  |
| **Total** | **4** | **Total** | **15** |
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| **Third Semester** | **Units** | **Fourth Semester** | **Units** |
| PSYT P002 | 18 | PSYT P003 | 17 |
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| **Total** | **18** |

**TOTAL UNITS: 54**

1. **Master Planning** (Background and Rationale)

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| The college community has been in support of the new Psychiatric Technician program since 1970 The current College Master Plan includes plans for the new Health Careers building. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, health career jobs are among the fastest growing in the country ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)).  The Porterville Developmental Center and other smaller healthcare institutions are currently able to handle the existing psychiatric technician clinical rotations. The College is committed to supporting safe patient care and will not increase enrollment above its current capacity with local healthcare facilities. Continuing the Psychiatric Technician will not negatively impact clinical capacity. |

1. **Need for Program**
   1. Enrollment and Completer Projections

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| Porterville College will continue to admit 30 psych tech students two out of every three semesters. Projected Average Annual Psych Tech Completers - 20 |

* 1. Labor Market Information (LMI)

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| Centers of Excellence LMI indicates a 10% increase in staffing patterns with -1% change in demand and an annual vacancy rate of 27 positions for Psychiatric Technicians in the South Central Valley from 2016-2020. The local developmental center ranked psychiatric technicians as their greatest need over all other direct care staff. |

* 1. Employer Survey (if applicable)

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| Not Applicable |

1. **Place of Program in Curriculum/Similar Programs**

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| The Porterville College Health Careers Division currently offers an Associate Degree Nursing program, Psychiatric Technician program, and Emergency Medical Technician Basic program. Porterville College has offered Psychiatric Technician education since 1970. Psychiatric Technician education meets the mission and philosophy of the College by being responsive to the needs of our community. The College works closely with the local health care industry to provide Psych Tech education to meet the needs of the community in providing health care and filling job vacancies. |

1. **Similar Programs at Other Colleges in Service Area**

In addition to the existing Psychiatric Technician program at Porterville College the residents of the city of Porterville and the surrounding communities is served by one (1) other psychiatric technician program at West Hills College Coalinga. The next nearest psychiatric technician program is at San Joaquin Valley College. Both schools have more applicants than available seats. No adverse impact is anticipated with the continuation of the psychiatric technician program.

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| **College** | **Program** |
| San Joaquin Valley College | Psychiatric Technician |
| West Hills College Coalinga | Psychiatric Technician |

**Supporting documentation required**

**Labor Market Information:** See attached

**List of Members of Advisory Committee**

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| **Name** | **Title** | **Affiliation** |
| Karin Urso | RN to BSN Director | CSU Bakersfield |
| Amy Scroggs | Chief Nursing Officer | Delano Regional Medical Center |
| Valerie Fisher | Deputy Sector Navigator | Health Workforce Initiative |
| Sean Roberts | Paramedic | Imperial Ambulance |
| Crystal Mendoza | Administrator | Lindsay Gardens |
| Michelle Lawrence | Administrator | Porterville Convalescent Hospital |
| Angela Gonzalez | Training Officer | Porterville Developmental Center |
| Jeff Hudson | VP Patient Care Services | Sierra View District Hospital |
| Traci Follet | Director of Education | Sierra View District Hospital |
| Jennie Bautista | Workforce Analyst | WIB Tulare County |

**Recommendation of Advisory Committee** (Meeting Minutes)

Psychiatric Technology education meets the mission and philosophy of the College by being responsive to the needs of our community. The Porterville College Health Careers Advisory supports the continuation and curriculum revisions of the psychiatric technician program. The advisory committee continues to express the need for psychiatric technicians in the local and surrounding communities. See attached 2017 advisory meeting minutes.