



Patient Care Technician Certification (PCTC) Exam Blueprint

Job Task List	Percentage	Number of Questions
1. Anatomy & Physiology	12%	17
1.01 Describing the basic functions of each of the main body systems.		
1.02 Demonstrating knowledge of the circulatory system.		
1.03 Demonstrating knowledge of the urinary system.		
1.04 Describing different body positioning.		
2. Pharmacology	10%	14
2.01 Identifying names of medications.		
2.02 Describing routes of administration.		
2.03 Demonstrating knowledge of medications and effects on patients.		
3. OSHA/Infection Control	14%	20
3.01 Identifying policies and procedures for maintaining laboratory safety		
3.02 Identifying the modes of transmission and methods of prevention		
3.03 Identifying properly labeling biohazard specimens		
3.04 Defining and discussing the term nosocomial infections		
3.05 Complying with regulations regarding safety practices		
3.06 Using the OSHA Standards Precautions		
3.07 Demonstrating accepted practices for infection control		
3.08 Demonstrating accepted practices for isolation techniques		
3.09 Demonstrating accepted practices for disease prevention		
3.10 Performing proper infection control such as handwashing		
3.11 Performing proper infection control such as gowning and gloving		
3.12 Using prescribed procedures to handle biological and fire hazards		
3.13 Using prescribed procedures to handle electrical and radiation hazards		
3.14 Using appropriate practices as outlined in the OSHA Hazard Communication		
3.15 Using appropriate practices as in the Material Safety Data Sheet		
3.16 Demonstrating a technique used to insure patient safety inpatient setting		
3.17 Demonstrating a technique used to insure patient safety outpatient setting		
3.18 Demonstrating a technique used to insure patient safety in a pediatric setting		
4. Medical Law & Ethics	15%	21
4.01 Maintaining confidentiality of privileged information on individuals		
4.02 Valued diversity in the workplace		
4.03 Interacting appropriately and professionally with other individuals		
4.04 Discussing the major points of Patient's Bill of Rights		
4.05 Modeling professional appearance and appropriate behavior		
4.06 Following instructions in carrying out testing procedures		
4.07 HIPAA		
5. Patient Care Skills	36%	53
5.01 Charting		
5.02 Demonstrating knowledge of vital signs.		
5.03 Defining the different steps of patient examination.		
5.04 Demonstrating knowledge of proper wound care.		
5.05 Staff and procedure		
5.06 Job tasks		
5.07 Demonstrating knowledge of First Aid.		
5.08 Demonstrating knowledge of CPR.		

6. Medical Terminology	13%	19
6.01 Medical Prefixes		
6.02 Medical Suffixes		
6.03 Root Words		
6.04 Cardiac and Circulatory Terminology		
Total:	100%	144*

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