

PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM
(NVC FAST TRACK PT PROGRAM)
CLASS OF 2026

The Psychiatric Technician (PT) Apprenticeship Program is a one-of-a-kind program that has partnered the Department of State Hospitals-Napa (DSH-Napa), Napa Valley College (NVC), and the Joint Apprenticeship Committee (JAC). This program starts by training participants for 2 1/2-months to be a Certified Nursing Assistant (C.N.A.). Successfully passing the C.N.A board allows participants to move into a 12-month PT Program (aka NVC Fast Track PT Program). The Psychiatric Technician Apprentice Program includes On the Job Training (OJT) at DSH-Napa.

This PT Apprenticeship Program is fast-paced and mentors future leaders in the field of Mental Health. The PT Apprenticeship Program has a 95% pass rate for the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT) Board Exam. The PT Apprentice is hired as a limited term, full time state employee. This means the PT Apprentice will go to school full time, work part-time while receiving a salary, healthcare, and other state employee benefits.

Qualifications

Requirements for the PT Apprenticeship Program (aka NVC Fast Track PT Program) and

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Tuition and Fees

The Joint Apprenticeship Committee (JAC) has an agreement with NVC that covers tuition fees. The PT Apprentice will have their C.N.A. Board Exam and Live Scans reimbursed by the JAC if the C.N.A. certificate was obtained while hired as a PT Apprentice.

Some of the out-of-pocket expenses are books, simulation programs, student fees, school supplies, uniforms, additional live scan costs and BVNPT Board Application for Exam. Estimated cost is \$2,000.

Felony Convictions

The PT Apprentice is a health care provider and thus, is subject to stringent Department of Justice (DOJ) and FBI background checks. The California Department of Public Health C.N.A. Board will not issue a certificate and the BVNPT will not issue a license to persons with felony convictions. The following is a list of convictions but, are not limited to illegal drug possession or illegal drug trafficking, theft, negligence, abuse, assault and battery. Some clinical sites may be more stringent with their background requirements due to the

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