

MENTAL AND SOCIAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN 51.1500.00

Program Description, Industry Credential, Coherent Sequence, Teacher Certification

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The **Mental and Social Health Technician** program is an introduction to social work, mental health case work, clinical interviewing techniques, therapeutic intervention strategies, patient testing and evaluation procedures, patient and family counseling, social rehabilitation, patient care planning, record-keeping, and support services liaison activities. The **Mental and Social Health Technician** program includes instruction in mental health theory, applied psychopathology, patient communication and management, crisis intervention, psychotropic medication, mental health treatment procedures, substance abuse, record-keeping, clinical administrative skills, and applicable standards and regulations.

The **Mental and Social Health Technician** program is designed and delivered as a coherent sequence of school-based and work -based supervised learning. The **Mental and Social Health Technician** students develop leadership, social, civic, and career skills through participation in the Career and Technical Student Organization **HOSA** (Future Health Professionals).

The **Mental and Social Health Technician** instructional program prepares students for entry-level employment, further training, and/or post-secondary education for these and other occupations: Behavioral Health Aide, Mental Health Aide, Behavioral Health Technician, and Mental Health Assistant

INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS

The following credentials have been approved for the A-F CCR and are CTED eligible for the **Mental and Social Health Technician** instructional program:

- Article 9 Certification
- Mental Health Technician Certification
- Psychological First Aid

COHERENT SEQUENCE

51.1500.10 - Mental and Social Health Technician I, **and**

51.1500.20 - Mental and Social Health Technician II, **and program may elect to add:**

51.1500.25- Mental and Social Health Technician III, **or**

51.1500.40 - Mental and Social Health Technician IV, **or**

51.1500.70 - Mental and Social Health Technician – DCE (Diversified Cooperative Education) **or**

51.1500.75 - Mental and Social Health Technician – Internship **or**

51.1500.80 - Mental and Social Health Technician – Cooperative Education

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TEACHER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The instructor must be ADE/CTE certified in one of the following Certificates: PCTHC, SCTHC, or SSCTEHC.

Note:

- Mental and Social Health Technician 51.1500.70 may be a part of the sequence and the teacher must hold a Cooperative Education Endorsement (CEN).
- Mental and Social Health Technician 51.1500.75 is not required to have a Cooperative Education Endorsement (CEN).
- Mental and Social Health Technician 51.1500.80 is required to have a Cooperative Education Endorsement (CEN).

CERTIFICATE TYPES

PCTHC Provisional Career and Technical Education Health Careers
SCTHC Standard Career and Technical Education Health Careers
SSCTEHC Standard Specialized Career and Technical Education Health Careers