

Behavioral & Psychiatric Health Technician

INDUSTRY FACTS



What do behavioral and psychiatric health technicians do?

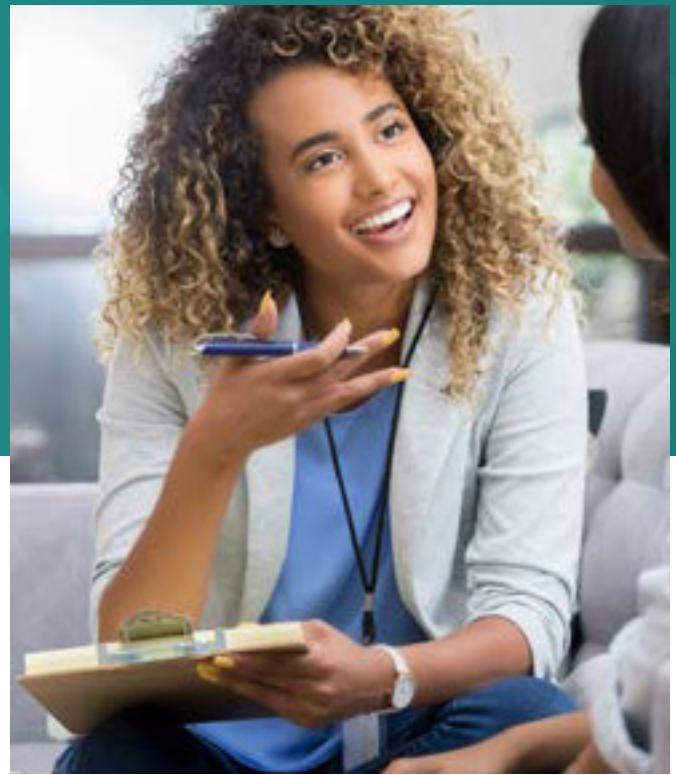
Behavioral and Psychiatric Health Technicians care for

people who have mental illness and developmental disabilities. They are compassionate, patient, understanding, and possess excellent interpersonal skills. Here's a breakdown of their responsibilities:

- Evaluating clients' mental and physical health, addiction, or problematic behavior
- Assessing patients' readiness for treatment
- Developing, recommending, and reviewing treatment goals and plans with clients and their families
- Assisting patients in developing skills and behaviors necessary to recover from their addiction
- Working with clients to identify behaviors or situations that interfere with their recovery

Where do they work?

Behavioral and psychiatric technicians work in a variety of environments that range from mental health centers and community centers to prisons and private practices.



How much do they earn?

There's something about working in a field that is meaningful and pays well—particularly in a world where more and more professionals are looking to make a real difference in the lives of others. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average psychiatric technician salary is \$36,230 per year.*

How's the job outlook?

As mental and physical health continue to take center stage, experts predict a 9% job growth rate over the next 10 years.*

*Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. "Psychiatric Technicians and Aides" Occupational Outlook Handbook. Accessed April 25, 2023.

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PROGRAM DETAILS

Prepare For A Better Job

Train affordably without sacrificing quality. This program's comprehensive training was developed by industry professionals with years of experience – specially designed to help you prepare for the American Association of Psychiatric Technicians (AAPT) – Level 1 and the Certified Electronic Health Records Specialist (CEHRS) certification exams.

Learn Your Way (From Home)

With online training, you can absorb more knowledge and learn more skills—fast.

- Study on a schedule that fits your life
- Progress at a pace that matches your learning style
- Adjust the time and effort you devote to your coursework each day

Receive Coaching and Guidance

When you train with CareerStep, we back you every step of the way—from enrollment through course completion.

- Learner support
- Technical support

Program Outline

Module Name

Program Orientation: Behavioral & Psychiatric Technician

Fundamentals of HIPAA

Communication and Customer Service

Patient Care Coordination and Education

Comprehensive Medical Terminology

Pharmacology Basics

Infection Control

Testing and Laboratory Procedures

Medical Administrative Assistant

EKG and Cardiovascular

Comprehensive Electronic Health Records

Advocacy, Mentoring and Empowerment

Psychology and Psychiatric Disorders

Program Completion: Behavioral & Psychiatric Technician