About Napa Valley College

Napa Valley College’s tree-lined campus sits on a 160-acre site overlooking the Napa River in the heart of the world famous Napa Valley wine producing region. The campus is also home to the Napa Valley Vintners’ Teaching Winery.

Our campus offers outstanding facilities, from a Child Development Center to an Olympic-sized swimming pool.

Off-campus services locations include the Upper Valley Campus in St. Helena and the Small Business Development Center in downtown Napa. A Community Education Center is used for non-credit classes and also houses the Napa Valley College Fine Arts Gallery. We also present a variety of classes at off campus locations throughout Napa County. A new outreach center is located in American Canyon. Classes are offered at different sites in American Canyon.

Dedicated to educational excellence and student success since opening in 1942, Napa Valley College has a rich tradition of educating generations of Napa Valley residents. In addition, our state-of-the-art facilities attract students from a wide geographic area who want to take advantage of programs not offered elsewhere in the region.

At Napa Valley College you can continue your education, prepare for transfer to a four-year college or university, train for a new career, upgrade current job skills, or take classes for personal enrichment.

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Accommodation is available for persons with disabilities upon request. Please contact the Office of Special Services at (707) 253-3083 (voice) or (707) 253-3085 (TDD number) for details.
Psychiatric Technicians
Licensed Psychiatric Technicians are in the forefront of care and treatment of Californians with mental illnesses or developmental disabilities. These specialized mental health professionals have been a unique component of the state's healthcare system since the 1950s.

As multi-talented mental health professionals with a broad range of skills and expertise, Psychiatric Technicians are key players in the many and varied aspects of California's system of treatment for those with mental illness or developmental disabilities.

It is a profession that attracts those who truly want to help improve the quality of life for some of the neediest individuals in today's society.

The Program
The Psychiatric Technician Program is a three-semester patient-centered certificate program accredited by the State Board of Vocational Nurses and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT). After completion of the program, the student is eligible to take the BVNPT examination for licensure.

Career
Entry-level pay in California varies from $2,400 to $5,800/monthly, depending on certification or degree completion status. There is a shortage of trained and experienced psych techs in California, with constant demand in the public sector.

Visit our website at napavalley.edu/ptec for more information

GET READY TO JOIN THE PROGRAM

Complete your Napa Valley College general Application online at www.napavalley.edu.

Complete your English and Math Assessment Testing or take the required English and Math classes

Complete the prerequisite requirements of Anatomy & Physiology and Pharmacology

Contact your high school to have your Official Transcript sent to Napa Valley College or Contact the school where you received your GED certification and have the Official documentation sent to Napa Valley College.

If your transcripts are from a foreign school, these transcripts must be evaluated by an International Evaluation Service & an official evaluation certificate must be sent to Napa Valley College. The evaluation process can take several weeks, so allow adequate time!

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Psychiatric Technician Skills
- Basic nursing
- Communication skills
- Medication administration
- Documentation
- Patient assessment
- Therapeutic activities
- Treatment plan development
- Addictive disorders
- Group process
- Patient/family education
- Case management
- Geriatric care

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Employment Opportunities
- Psychiatric Hospitals and Facilities
- Mental Health Day Care Programs
- Mental Health Crisis Centers
- Residential Treatment Programs
- Department of Corrections
- County Mental Health Programs
- Substance Abuse Programs
- Public Health Services
- Independent Living Skills Agencies
- Special Education Programs
- Developmental Centers
- Transition Services and Job

Make an appointment with the Health Occupations counselor to review the program requirements and develop your Education plan!