

Information Brochure
Anesthesia Technologist
Program
Pasadena City College

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Pasadena City College
Health Sciences Division B6
3035 East Foothill Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107

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The Anesthesia Technologist (AT) program at Pasadena City College is an associate degree program that is recognized by the American Society of Anesthesia Technologists (ASATT). A Certificate of Achievement and an Associate of Sciences (AS) degree is awarded upon successful completion of the Anesthesia Technologist program.

Applying to the Program

In order to be considered for acceptance into the Anesthesia Technologist Program, applicant must submit a COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET to the Health Science Division Office B6, which includes the following:

- A. One official U.S. high school transcript or GED certificate or Equivalency Report from one of the college's acceptable companies; **not** required if an Associate or higher degree is posted on U.S. college transcripts.
- B. One official transcript of **ALL** U. S. colleges and universities attended.

UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS AND PHOTOCOPIES OF DIPLOMAS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

Please note that upon acceptance to the Anesthesia Technologist Program the college's Records Office will also require transcripts. Incomplete applications will not be considered in the selection process.

Application forms are available on the PCC website during the following period only:

January 3 – February 15*: for Summer admission (10 weeks)

Applications are available from www.pasadena.edu/divisions/health-sciences/ during the application period only.

*If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, then the deadline is the following business day. All materials must be received in the Division office B6 no later than 3:00 pm.

Selection Criteria for Admission

Students are chosen based on:

- ❖ A complete application packet (application and transcripts from high school and college).
- ❖ Completion of all prerequisite courses.
- ❖ Grade Point Average of 2.5 or higher in the prerequisite courses.
- ❖ Statement of Purpose
- ❖ Personal interview

Applicants will be informed of their acceptance/non acceptance status by email of the status of their application.

Note to applicant:

1. Transcripts and applications are kept 2 semesters from the date of the last application.
2. "In Progress" work for the prerequisites will not be considered during the selection process.
3. It is *highly* recommended that basic science courses be completed within the past five years.
4. It is recommended that the student complete non-Anesthesia Technologist courses prior to beginning the AT program.

Prerequisites

Prerequisites to the Anesthesia Technologist Program (selection will be based on these courses):

- ❖ English 1A
- ❖ Chemistry 2A (may substitute Chemistry 1A or Chemistry 22)
- ❖ Anatomy 25
- ❖ Physiology 1
- ❖ Speech 10

Additional Classes Required for the AT Program and Associate Degree (selection is not based on these courses):

- ❖ Humanities (See catalog or Counselor for list of options)
- ❖ Math 131 (Intermediate Algebra or a **course** which fulfills the Math requirement)
- ❖ Physical Education
- ❖ Political Science and History (See A.S. degree requirements) **or** American Institutions 125

Contact a counselor in Building L Room 104 for further information.

General Admission Requirements for the Anesthesia Technologist Programs:

1. Upon selection to the AT program students are required to complete:
 - ❖ A health clearance
 - ❖ Maintain a valid American Heart Association CPR card.
 - ❖ A two step TB test is required upon entrance to the program.
 - ❖ Complete a criminal background check in order to be able to attend clinical experiences. Details regarding these clearances will be provided with the acceptance packet upon selection. Students who have questions or concerns about the background check are encouraged to make an appointment to discuss these concerns with the Anesthesia Technologist Program Director.
2. Anesthesia Technologist students must have the ability to communicate safely, accurately, and effectively in both written and spoken English.

During the Program

Required Anesthesia Technologist Curriculum for the Certificate:

These required courses must be completed prior to taking the ASATT (certification exam).

The following sequence must be followed:

<u>Summer Intersession</u>	<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>
Anesthesia Technologist 110	Anesthesia Technologist 112	Anesthesia Technologist 115
Anesthesia Technologist 111	Anesthesia Technologist 113	Anesthesia Technologist 117
	Anesthesia Technologist 114	Anesthesia Technologist 118
	Anesthesia Technologist 116	

Completing and Licensure

Graduates of the program will be eligible for certification by successfully completing the ASATT National Certification Exam. A Certificate of Achievement and an Associate of Science (AS) degree is awarded upon successful completion of the Anesthesia Technologist curriculum. General education courses are offered on the PCC campus and skills course (30 units) are offered at Kaiser Permanente, 100 South Los Robles, Pasadena, CA 91188-6045.

Completion of the program does not guarantee licensure or employment

Students with Foreign Transcripts:

Students with foreign transcripts must have their transcripts evaluated by one of the following three companies prior to applying:

International Education
Research Foundation
(IERF)
(310) 258 – 9451
www.ierf.org

Academic Credentials
Evaluation Institute
(ACEI)
(310) 275 – 3530
www.acei1.com

American Education Research
Center
(AERC)
(626) 339 – 4404

Official transcripts, application and work in progress must be mailed or delivered in person to:

Pasadena City College
Health Sciences Division B6
Attn: Anesthesia Technologist Program
3035 East Foothill Boulevard
Pasadena, CA 91107

Anesthesia Technologist Job Duties

Below is a brief listing of the duties an Anesthesia Technologist performs:

- ❖ Assists licensed anesthesia providers with the care of the patient in a variety of settings.
- ❖ Provides support for surgical cases by assisting in the preparation and maintenance of patient equipment and anesthesia delivery systems before, during and after anesthesia care.
- ❖ Performs maintenance on anesthesia equipment and anesthesia monitors.
- ❖ Cleans, sterilizes, disinfects, stocks, orders and maintains anesthesia equipment and supplies.