

# PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN

## POSITION SUMMARY

### COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER (CHW)

- Frontline public health worker who is a trusted member of and/or has a close understanding of the community served.
- Serve as a link between health services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve service delivery.

### PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN

- Working closely with patients, in conjunction with nurses.
- Perform basic care for patients.
- Monitor vital signs and provide emotional support to patients/families.

## TRAINING AND PREREQUISITES

- Completion of an approved CHW Training Program by SD DSS.
- Certification through Indian Health Service Community Health Representative basic training, a CHW program approved by the South Dakota Board of Technical Education or the South Dakota Board of Regents, or a CHW training program approved by the State.

- High school graduate or GED.
- Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls offers the only training program in the state.

## CERTIFICATES AND LICENSURE

- No certificate or license is required in SD.

- Phlebotomy/PCT Diploma.
- License and certification not required.

## TYPICAL SUPERVISORS

- Clinic, nursing, or another organizational manager.

- RN or LPN.

## MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE *(NATIONAL)*

Community Health Worker (CHW) - \$20.19

Patient Care Technician - \$14.82

### SOURCES

To view the complete comparison of a CHW and PCT and to review the sources for this information, visit [www.chwsd.org/career-comparisons/](http://www.chwsd.org/career-comparisons/)

