

# MENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN, OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATE

- Drug rehabilitation centers, and
- Counseling centers.

## Earning Potential

Psychiatric Technician: \$36,627<sup>1</sup> per year

<sup>1</sup> Source: [texaswages.com](http://texaswages.com/) (<http://texaswages.com/>), median salary Gulf Coast region, 2021

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## Campus

North Campus

San Jac Online



## Program Information

Are you a caring person, a good listener, and compassionate to others' needs? Psychiatric aides and technicians observe and record patient behavior and present their findings to counselors, nurses, and other professional staff. They intervene in crisis situations, actively moderate client behavior, and assist with feeding, moving, dressing patients, personal hygiene, and activities of daily living. If this sounds like you, San Jacinto College's Mental Health Technician career path is for you.

The San Jacinto College Mental Health Technician program:

- Is specifically designed to train mental health technicians, both psychiatric aides and technicians;
- Prepares students to care for mentally impaired or emotionally disturbed individuals following physician instructions and hospital procedures;
- Provides psychiatric aides and technicians with the skills to observe and record patient behavior and present their findings to counselors, nurses, and other professional staff; and
- Offers training to intervene in crisis situations, actively moderate client behavior, and assist with feeding, moving, dressing patients, personal hygiene, and activities of daily living.

## Career Opportunities

Graduates of our program will be able to work in substance abuse and mental health facilities in both private and nonprofit organizations and find opportunities in:

- Hospitals,
- In-patient psychiatric hospitals,
- Out-patient hospitals,
- Veteran affairs clinics,
- Nursing homes,
- Research facilities,
- Pain management clinics,