

## Academic Plan as of Fall 2022

### Program Description:

The Perry Foundation Academy of Health's Mental Health Technician Certification program is a 5-week program that dives into the history of mental health and teaches the skills needed to be an effective mental healthcare provider. During this course, you will gain an understanding of the history of mental health and the basics of mental health care. You will review the ethics of caring for your clients and will ultimately gain an understanding of developmental psychology throughout a person's lifespan, as well as how Sociocultural influences can affect one's mental health.

You will participate in the development and implementation of basic nursing care and therapeutic treatment plans for those with mental health needs. Students will receive training in physical assessment, psychiatric and substance use disorders, developmental disabilities, health/wellness education, emergency and crisis intervention, and basic nursing assistant skills. Mental Health Technicians work under many different job titles and in a variety of both healthcare and non-healthcare settings. Although created with entry-level healthcare workers in mind, this program would be perfect for school district employees, correction officers, first responders, and those working in addiction centers just to name a few. Although not a requirement, this program is also ideal for current Certified Nursing Assistants as a stackable credential in a Mental Health Specialty.

Upon successful completion of the program, students will have the opportunity to take the Mental Health Technician Certification exam through the American Medical Certification Association (administered onsite).

### Prerequisites and Admission requirements:

Persons wishing to enroll in the Perry Foundation Academy of Health, Mental Health Technician Certificate Program must be 18 years of age, show proof of high school diploma or equivalency, and complete the enrollment agreement. This process ensures each prospective student is capable of completing the program and understands the admission requirements.

Background check is a requirement of the program. If a student declines, or if the background is unsatisfactory to the Perry Foundation or clinical training sites, the student will not be permitted to participate in the program. Students are admitted to the program and subject to the results of the background check.

Enrollment into the program is subject to the approval by the Academic Director once all prerequisites have been met and the required deposit has been made

### Program Learning Outcomes:

- Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of common elements required for certification by the American Medical Certification Association. This will be measured by student achievement of a passing grade on instructor developed and administered final examinations.
- Students will be able to demonstrate compliance with standards of practice for Mental Health Technicians. This will be measured by an administered skills test given at the end of class to each student that contains core elements of practice such as privacy, safety dignity and patient rights.

- Students will be able to demonstrate competence with all skills required for certification. This will be measured by an administered skills competency test given at the end class that contains elements of all required steps for all required skills.

**Program Requirements:**

You must successfully complete the Mental Health Technician Certification (112 hours, 11.2 CEU's)

**Required Courses:**

- Mental Health Technician Certification course

**About This Program:**

Mental Health Technician Certification program is designed for anyone who has interest in working as an entry- level healthcare professional in the metal health field.