

# Behavioral & Psychiatric Health Technician

## INDUSTRY FACTS



### What do behavioral and psychiatric health technicians do?

Everyone has their vices. Those unhealthy (but generally harmless) habits we develop over time. But left unchecked, those innocuous behaviors can transform into devastating addictions. Peer support specialists generally have experience navigating their own dependencies and mental health issues. They are compassionate, patient, understanding, and possess excellent interpersonal skills.

Here's a breakdown of their responsibilities:

- Evaluating clients' mental and physical health, addiction, or problematic behavior
- Assessing patients' readiness for treatment
- Developing, recommending, and reviewing treatment goals and plans with clients and their families
- Assisting patients in developing skills and behaviors necessary to recover from their addiction
- Working with clients to identify behaviors or situations that interfere with their recovery



### Where do they work?

Peer support specialists work in a variety of environments that range from mental health centers and community centers to prisons and private practices.

### How much do they earn?

There's something about working in a field that is meaningful and pays well—particularly in a world where more and more professionals are looking to make a real difference in the lives of others. According to Glassdoor, the average peer support specialist salary is just above \$34,255 per year.

### How's the job outlook?

As mental and physical health continue to take center stage, experts predict a 23.22% job-growth rate over the next 10 years.

"I was very impressed with what CareerStep had to offer. Affordable pricing for a comprehensive program, combined with the support and flexibility I needed. A perfect choice!"

**JESSICA C., CAREERSTEP LEARNER**

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## PROGRAM DETAILS

### Improve Your Life

When it comes to career training, you'll find a lot of posers out there. Con artists that'll try to impress you with fancy hyperbole. But through all the noise, the distinct sound of success can be heard. Your success. All it takes is a little push. A nudge in the right direction—and your whole life could change. New doors opened. New worlds discovered. New opportunities explored.

### Prepare For A Better Job

Behavioral and psychiatric health technicians are excellent listeners who possess strong observational skills and a solid understanding of what it takes to treat individuals with behavioral disorders. They work closely with licensed mental health professionals, so they get daily opportunities to learn and grow on-the-job. Throw that in the mix with the rewarding day-to-day responsibilities, and you have an exceptional career path.

### Learn Your Way (From Home)

With online training, you can absorb more knowledge and learn more skills—fast.

- Study on a schedule that fits your life
- Progress at a pace that matches your learning style
- Adjust the time and effort you devote to your coursework each day

### Receive Coaching and Guidance

When you train with CareerStep, we back you every step of the way—from enrollment through course completion.

- Learner support
- Technical support

### Program Outline

Module Name
Program Orientation
Pharmacology Basics
Infection Control
Testing and Laboratory Procedures
Patient Care Coordination and Education
Medical Administrative Assistant
Communication and Customer Service
Electronic Medical Records
Medical Laws and Ethics
EKG and Cardiovascular
Career Success in Healthcare
Psychology and Psychiatric Disorders
HIPAA for Mental and Behavioral Health
Advocacy, Mentoring, and Empowerment
Program Completion
<b>TOTAL HOURS = 394</b>
Didactic, Simulations, and Experiential