## PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN

| RESOURCE CATEGORY | Medical and Public Health |
| RESOURCE KIND      | Personnel |
| OVERALL FUNCTION   | The Patient Care Technician assists in direct patient care and documents and records patient conditions and treatment |
| COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS | 1. This position can be ordered as a single resource.  
2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment.  
3. This position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable for up to 14 days |

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

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| DESCRIPTION          | The Patient Care Technician:  
1. Assists in direct patient care  
2. Documents vital signs, height, weight, input (such as fluid intake), and output (such as elimination or emptying of and measuring nasogastric tubes and catheter collection devices)  
3. Reports and records patient conditions and treatments  
4. Collects specimens  
5. Assists with patient movement and mobility, positioning, and transfers under the supervision of nursing staff  
6. Performs assigned procedures (such as catheter insertion) for which the Technician has training, knowledge, and skills and has received competency verification | Not Specified |
| EDUCATION            | Completion of a State-approved training program for Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA)                                                                                                                        | Not Specified |
| TRAINING             | Completion of the following:  
1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100  
2. IS-200: Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents  
| EXPERIENCE           | Two years of clinical experience in a practice setting such as a hospital, health system, agency, or service commensurate with the mission assignment                                                                 | Not Specified |
## Position Qualification for Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services

### Medical and Public Health

**COMPONENT**

| PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS | 1. Performs duties under moderate circumstances characterized by working consecutive 12-hour days under physical and emotional stress for sustained periods of time  
2. Maintains immunizations in accordance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control's immunization recommendations for emergency responders  
3. IS able to work while wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)  
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| PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS | PPE is mission-specific and may vary by working environment, including protective footwear, protective clothing for skin exposures, eye and hearing protection, respirators, gloves, and masks.  
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| CURRENCY | 1. Functions in this position in a disaster incident response, operations based exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every three years  
2. Immunizations up-to-date and commensurate with mission assignment  
3. Background checks as applicable law permits or requires  
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| CURRENCY | Provider must carry out and use any background checks as applicable law specifies. This may include a background check completed within past 12 months; sex-offender registry check; and a local, state, and a local, state, and national criminal history.  
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| PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS | State, the District of Columbia, or US territory-granted active status of legal authority to function as a CNA or Patient Care Technician without restrictions  
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| PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS | Not Specified  

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NOTES
Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated category.

REFERENCES
1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Emergency Care Task Force
2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Responders