

MENTAL AND SOCIAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN 51.1502.00

Program Description, Industry Credentials, Coherent Sequence, and Teacher Certification Requirements

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The **Mental and Social Health Technician** program is an introduction to social work, mental health case work, clinical interviewing techniques, therapeutic intervention strategies, patient testing and evaluation procedures, patient and family counseling, social rehabilitation, patient care planning, record-keeping, and support services liaison activities. The **Mental and Social Health Technician** program includes instruction in mental health theory, applied psychopathology, patient communication and management, crisis intervention, psychotropic medication, mental health treatment procedures, substance abuse, record-keeping, clinical administrative skills, and applicable standards and regulations.

The **Mental and Social Health Technician** program is designed and delivered as a coherent sequence of school-based and work -based supervised learning. The **Mental and Social Health Technician** students develop leadership, social, civic, and career skills through participation in the Career and Technical Student Organization **HOSA** (Future Health Professionals).

The **Mental and Social Health Technician** instructional program prepares students for entry-level employment, further training, and/or post-secondary education for these and other occupations: Behavioral Health Aide, Mental Health Aide, Behavioral Health Technician, and Mental Health Assistant

INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS

Review the [Current CTE Credential List](#) for approved A-F CCR and are CTED eligible for the **Mental and Social Health Technician** instructional program.

COHERENT SEQUENCE

51.1502.10 - Mental and Social Health Technician I, **and**

51.1502.20 - Mental and Social Health Technician II, **and program may elect to add:**

51.1502.25- Mental and Social Health Technician III, **or**

51.1502.40 - Mental and Social Health Technician IV, **or**

51.1502.70 - Mental and Social Health Technician – DCE (Diversified Cooperative Education) **or**

51.1502.75 - Mental and Social Health Technician – Internship **or**

51.1502.80 - Mental and Social Health Technician – Cooperative Education

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TEACHER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The instructor must be ADE/CTE certified in one of the following Certificates:

SCTHC Standard Career and Technical Education Health Careers

SSCTEHC Standard Specialized Career and Technical Education Health Careers

- Note:
- Mental and Social Health Technician 51.1502.70 (DCE) requires a CTE Teacher to have the Cooperative Education Endorsement (CEN).
 - Mental and Social Health Technician 51.1502.75 (Internship) does not require a CTE Teacher to have a Cooperative Education Endorsement (CEN).
 - Mental and Social Health Technician 51.1502.80 (Cooperative Ed.) requires CTE Teacher to be appropriately certified for the program and to have a Cooperative Education Endorsement (CEN).