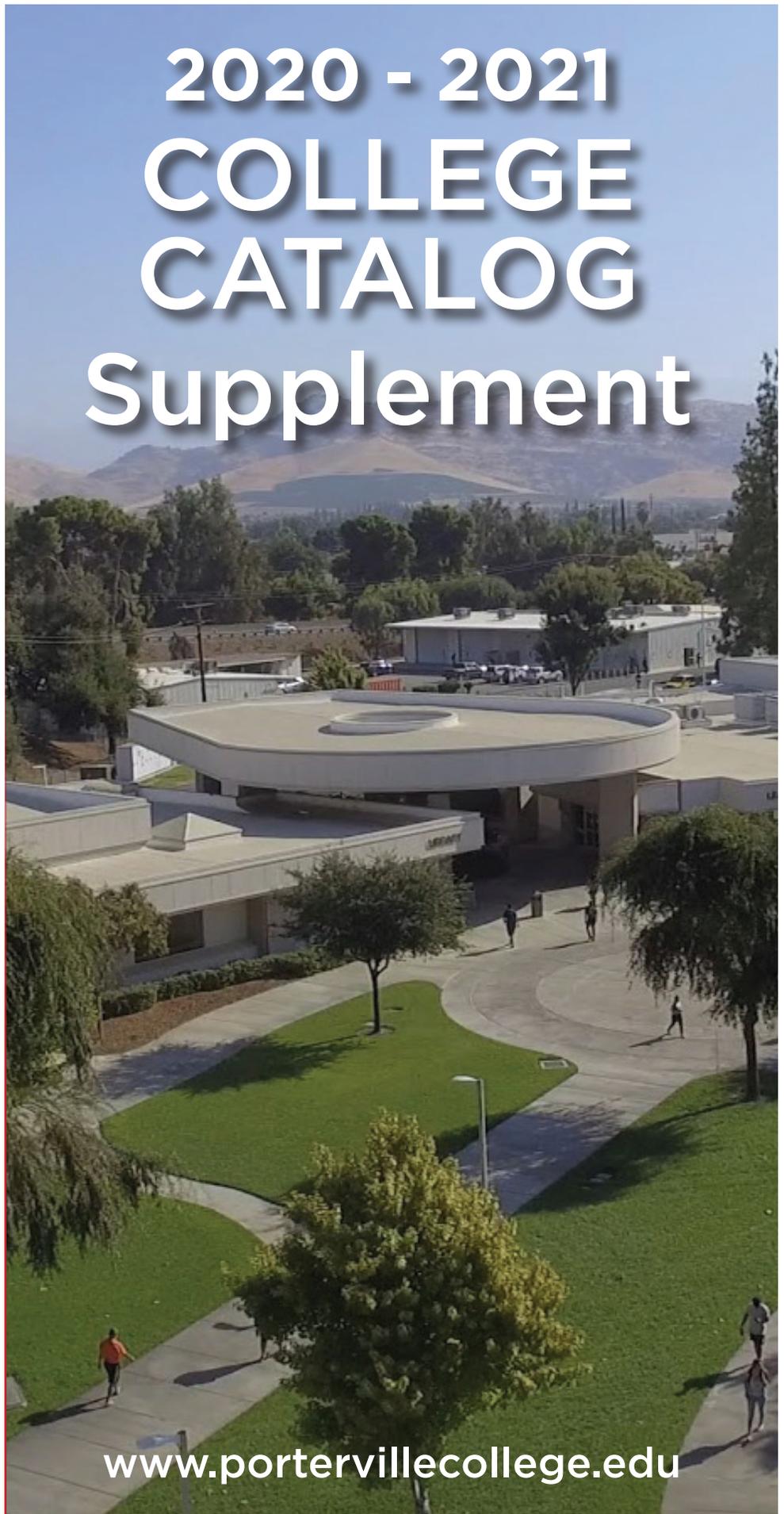




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# PROGRAMS OF STUDY

## ASSOCIATE DEGREES

### REVISIONS

#### Communication Studies

##### *Associate in Arts for Transfer*

The Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer program is designed to prepare students to continue studies toward a B.A. degree in Communication Studies, assist students in seamlessly transferring to a CSU or for entry level into a variety of career options that require competent and ethical communication skills. Students who pursue advanced Communication degrees enjoy a wealth of career options ranging from Public Relations Officer, Human Resources Managers, Retail Managers, Politician, Lawyers, College Professors, and numerous options in Mass Communications such as radio and television. Communication courses focus on how people use messages to generate meaning within and across various contexts, cultures, and channels.

**Program Learning Outcomes:** Construct and deliver a presentation with communicative competence and confidence; demonstrate the dynamics of effective communication in a variety of settings and contexts.

Students must satisfy both of the following requirements in order to earn the Communication Studies AA-T degree: Students must earn a "C" or better in all courses required for the major.

A "P" (*Pass*) grade is not an acceptable grade for courses in the major.

1. Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
  - a. The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (*IGETC*) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements.
  - b. A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a Communication Studies coursework.
2. Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

##### **Program Requirements:**

**Students must complete the following:**

**Core - 3 units**

COMM P101 - Intro to Public Speaking .....3 units

**List A - 6 units**

COMM P102 - Interpersonal Communication .... 3 units

COMM P105 - Argumentation & Debate..... 3 units

COMM P140 - Small Group Communication .... 3 units

**List B - Select two courses (6 units)**

COMM P103 - Persuasion .....3 units

COMM P106 - Intercultural Communication .....3 units

COMM P111 - Intro to Mass Communication ... 3 units

COMM P170 - Oral Interpretation .....3 units

**List C - Select one course (3 units)**

*Any course from List A or B not already used*

ANTH P102 - Intro to Cultural Anthropology .....3 units

PSYC P101A - General Psychology .....3 units

SOCI P101 - The Social World .....3 units

**Total Major Units.....18 units**

In addition to the above "major specific" courses, students must complete the rest of the CSU GE or IGETC pattern requirements. Course "double-dipping" is allowed to satisfy these areas with courses from the above Major lists. Remaining units must be transfer-level electives to reach a total of 60 units.

**Total Overall Units .....60 units**

Students are not required to complete additional campus course graduation requirements.

*Effective Summer 2020*

#### Mathematics

##### *Associate in Science for Transfer*

The Associate in Science in Mathematics for Transfer is designed to prepare students to continue studies toward a B.A. or B.S. degree in Mathematics or for entry-level into a variety of career options. The intent of an Associate Degree for Transfer (*ADT*) is to assist students in seamlessly transferring to a campus in the California State University (*CSU*) system. Students who pursue a Mathematics degree enjoy a wealth of career options ranging from Business, Engineering, Computer Science, Education, the Sciences and many others.

**Program Learning Outcomes:** Use mathematics to investigate, model, and solve a variety of real-world problems; use a variety of problem-solving methods to solve equations and related applications; use technology as a tool for exploring mathematical concepts; demonstrate an understanding of concepts and skills needed for future mathematics courses or courses in related disciplines; demonstrate a solid understanding of functions from multiple perspectives; use numerical, graphical, and symbolic representations to solve problems and communicate with others; demonstrate an ability to work with mathematical abstractions, analyze mathematical relationships, and make plausible conjectures.

Students must satisfy both of the following requirements in order to earn the Associate in Science in Mathematics for Transfer degree:

1. Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
  - a. The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (*IGETC*) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements.
  - b. A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.

2. Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

**ADTs also require that students must earn a C or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis. A "P" (Pass) grade is not an acceptable grade for courses in the major.**

**Required Courses**

**MATH P103** - Calculus 1 with Analytical Geometry..... 4 units

**MATH P104** - Calculus 2 with Analytical Geometry..... 4 units

**MATH P205** - Calculus 3 with Analytical Geometry..... 4 units

**PHYS P104A** - Physics for Scientists and Engineers 4 units

**MATH P206** - Differential Equations and Linear Algebra ..... 5 units

OR

**MATH P207** - Ordinary Differential Equations .. 4 units

**Major Total**..... **20-21 units**

**Total Overall Units** .....**60 units**

Students are not required to complete additional campus course graduation requirements.

*Effective Summer 2020*

**CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT**

**CORRECTED**

**Psychiatric Technology**

Psychiatric Technology includes the study of nursing science, developmentally disabilities, and the mentally ill. Courses include Anatomy and Physiology, Fundamental Concepts, Nursing Science, Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing, and Nursing Care of the Client with Developmental Disabilities. This is a three semester certificate program. The program includes classes on the college campus plus clinical training at developmental centers, behavioral health centers, and other approved facilities. Upon completion of the program the graduate is qualified to take the California Psychiatric Technician Licensing Examination.

**MISSION**

The Porterville College Psychiatric Technology Certificate of Achievement endorses the mission of Porterville college which is: "With students as our focus, Porterville College provides our local and diverse communities quality education that promotes intellectual curiosity, personal growth, and lifelong learning, while preparing student for vocational and academic success."

The Porterville College Psychiatric Technology program adheres to this mission when offering the Psychiatric Technology Certificate of Achievement. The mission of the Psychiatric Technician Program is to provide an innovative, student-centered educational program that prepares diverse students as candidates to become Psychiat-

ric Technicians to provide safe, quality, evidence-based care in the current healthcare environment. The program is market-conscious as it prepares students to practice as a Psychiatric Technician in a variety of healthcare environments with input from the community represented through the program's Advisory Committee.

In alignment with the mission of Porterville College, the psychiatric technician program provides a solid base for continued lifelong learning as a Psychiatric Technician. Although the Psychiatric Technician program is not a degree program, the psychiatric technician graduates are prepared with the necessary knowledge, skills, and competencies to continue their education.

This is a three semester certificate program. The program includes classes on the college campus, the developmental center, mental health, behavioral health and other approved clinical facilities.

**NOTE:** The California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (*BVNPT*) shall issue a psychiatric technicians' license to each applicant who qualifies and successfully passes the licensing examination. An applicant for a psychiatric technician's license shall have the following qualifications **(a)** Be at least 18 years of age, **(b)** have successfully completed an approved general education course of study and training through the 12th grade or the equivalent, **(c)** have successfully completed a prescribed course of study and training in a school approved by the board. Psychiatric Technician Law Business and Professions Code, Division 2, Chapter 10, Article 2.

**NOTE:** The BVNPT protects the public by screening applicants for licensure in order to identify potentially unsafe practitioners. The law provides for denial of licensure for crimes or acts, which if committed by a licensed psychiatric technician, would be grounds for disciplinary action. Conviction of any offenses other than minor traffic violations must be reported to the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians at the time of application for licensure. Psychiatric Technician Law Business and Professions Code, Division 2, Chapter 10, section 4511 and Business and Professions Code Division 2, Chapter 10, Article 3. For clarification contact the Psychiatric Technician Program Director or the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 205, Sacramento, CA 95833, (916) 263-7800.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Employment in the field for licensed psychiatric technician is good both locally and regionally. The licensed psychiatric technician enjoys a well-compensated, rewarding, highly flexible career, which should continue in the future.

**Program Learning Outcomes:** Provide safe, therapeutic, client-centered nursing care to diverse clients across the lifespan utilizing evidence based practice in a variety of healthcare settings; exercise clinical judgment to make client-centered care decisions; participate in quality improvement processes to improve client care outcomes;

participate in teamwork and collaboration with members of the interdisciplinary team, the client, and the client's support persons; use information management systems and client care technology to communicate and support safe client care; incorporate professionalism, leadership, management, legal, and ethical principles to guide practice as a Psychiatric Technician.

### **ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for enrollment in the program, the student must meet the following criteria:

- Graduation from an accredited high school, or successful completion of General Education Development (*GED*) or California High School Proficiency Exam (*CHSPE*).
- Completion of the prerequisites within the previous five years with a grade of "C" or better in the following prerequisites
  - ANAT P052 Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology OR HCRS P008 Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology for Health Careers, 2 units at Porterville College or equivalent 2 unit semester Anatomy and Physiology course at another accredited college or BVNPT approved Psychiatric Technician or Vocational Nursing program.
  - HCRS P009 Health Careers Fundamental Concepts, 2 units at Porterville College or equivalent 2 unit semester Fundamental Concepts course at an other accredited college or BVNPT approved Psychiatric Technician or Vocational Nursing program.

### **ENROLLMENT PROCESS**

Eligible students are selected for the program according to the following steps:

- Pre-enrollment applications and deadlines for the Psychiatric Technician program are available from the Health Careers Division or program website.
- Selection is based on a random selection process from among the qualified applicants and is subject to space availability. Students must reapply each semester. There is no waiting list.
- Only students who meet the educational and prerequisite requirements and follow the pre-enrollment procedures will be considered for the program. Meeting all these requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

**NOTE:** As a condition of enrollment into the psychiatric technician program, the student is required to have a physical examination, inoculations, tuberculosis clearance, drug screen, background check, and current BLS card (*at the student's expense*).

**NOTE:** The student is responsible for providing uniforms, laboratory fees, necessary equipment and transportation to off-campus laboratory locations. There are morning, afternoon, evening, and weekend clinical experiences that may change with limited notice.

### **PROGRAM APPROVAL**

The Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians approves the Porterville College Psychiatric Technician program.

#### **First Semester**

**PSYT P001** - Nursing Concepts ..... 15 units

#### **Second Semester**

**PSYT P002** - Theories and Concepts of Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing ..... 18 units

#### **Third Semester**

**PSYT P003** - Concepts of Nursing Care of the Client with Developmental Disabilities..... 17 units

### **POLICY FOR GRANTING CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE**

The Porterville College Psychiatric Technician Program has established criteria for past education and experience within the last five years. The amount of credit granted will not exceed two thirds ( $2/3$ ) of the total program hours. All requests for credit for previous education and/or experience will be initiated by the applicant/student, not by Porterville College or its employees.

Transfer credit shall be given for related previous education completed within the last five years. This includes the following courses:

- Approved vocational or practical nursing courses.
- Approved registered nursing courses.
- Approved psychiatric technician courses.
- Armed services nursing courses.
- Certified nurse assistant courses.
- Other courses the school determines equivalent to courses in the program.

Competency-based credit shall be granted for knowledge and/or skill acquired through experience. Credit shall be determined by written and/or practical examination. (*Psychiatric Technician Law Business and Professions Code Section 2581.1*).

### **REQUEST FOR CREDIT GRANTING**

- The student shall request credit granting and submit official transcripts or other documents verifying course content and supervised theory and clinical hours.
- All requests for granting credit for education or experience and official documents must be submitted to the Program Director with the pre-enrollment application.

### **PROCESS FOR GRANTING CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS EDUCATION:**

- Transcripts and other documentation of course content and evidence of hours satisfactorily completed will be reviewed by the Program Director.
- The number of credit hours granted and the nature of credit granted will be recorded, signed by the Program Director, and maintained in the student file.

**PROCESS FOR GRANTING CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:**

- Documents will be reviewed for equivalent experience, content, and hours by the Program Director.
- Assessment of knowledge will be conducted by a program instructor who is a content expert in the specific experience area. The assessment may include written and/or practical examinations.
- The number of credit hours granted and the nature of credit granted will be recorded, signed by the Program Director and program instructor, and maintained in the student file.

**First Semester**

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**Third Semester**

**PSYT P003** - Concepts of Nursing Care of the Client with Developmental Disabilities..... 17 units

*Effective Summer 2019*

This program is designed to be completed in 54 weeks. This program will cost \$7,453 if completed within normal time. There may be additional costs for living expenses. These costs were accurate at the time of posting, but may have changed.

Of the students who completed this program within normal time, the typical graduate leaves with \$ 0 debt. The following States have licensure requirements for this profession: CA

For more information about graduation rates, loan repayment rates, and post-enrollment earnings about this institution and other postsecondary institutions please go to: <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### REVISED

### SOCIOLOGY

#### P101 – THE SOCIAL WORLD..... 3 UNITS

*Prerequisite:* None.

*Recommendation:* Eligible for English P101A or equivalent.

*Total lecture 54 hours.* As a survey course, The Social World provides an introduction to the discipline of sociology. This course examines the human experience as it emerges in groups by exploring fundamental concepts related to the study of modern societies, including social institutions, social structure, culture, social power, social class and social change. The course will familiarize students with the major contributors, theories, and methods of the discipline and students will learn about them as they collect their own data and analyze it in the context of their readings. Approved for pass/no pass grading option. C-ID SOCI 110 (A/CSU/UC) PC-Area H; CSU-D0; IGETC-4J

#### P102 – SOCIAL PROBLEMS ..... 3 UNITS

*Prerequisite:* None.

*Total lecture 54 hours.* This course offers a critical analysis of the conditions of society that lead to negative human consequences for a significant number of people. Sociological theories, research methods and critical thinking will be employed to evaluate current challenges facing local, U.S. and global communities. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between evidence and social analysis. Issues addressed include social inequality, deviance, healthcare, education, politics, media, environmental crises, war and terrorism, and cross-cultural analysis. Approved for pass/no pass grading option. C-ID SOCI 115 (A/CSU/UC) PC-Area H; CSU-D0; CSU-E; IGETC-4J

#### P140 – GENDER AND SOCIETY ..... 3 UNITS

*Prerequisite:* None.

*Total lecture 54 hours.* This course offers a sociological analysis of gender in contemporary society, including a brief survey of the feminist movement and the stories of some of its earliest leaders. Issues addressed include gender as a social institution, the social construction of gender, gender and sexuality, social inequality, and the effects of gendered thinking in contemporary mainstream culture on the structure of social institutions and on public perception of social issues and political systems. By studying gender, the course reveals cultural distinctions among men's and women's perspectives and the political consequences of those differences for women's and men's experiences related to health, families, religion, education, politics and work, among others. Approved for pass/no pass grading option. C-ID SOCI 140 (A/CSU/UC) PC-Area H; PC-AREA J; CSU-D4; CSU-D7;

#### P160 – CRIME AND SOCIETY ..... 3 UNITS

*Prerequisite:* None,

*Total lecture 54 hours.* This course offers a sociological analysis of crime, criminal behavior, and the criminal justice system. By exploring the concepts of social control and related topics such as social norms, deviance, and social inequality as well the history and social construction of crime and criminality, the course examines the definition of crime and its violations and the laws and methods used to control criminal behavior. The course also explores the measurement of crime and basic theoretical explanations of criminal behavior. Approved for pass/no pass grading option. C-ID SOCI 160 (A/CSU/UC) PC-Area H; CSU-D10; IGETC 4J

#### P170 – COMMUNITY & SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY ..... 3 UNITS

*Prerequisite:* None.

*Recommended:* Eligible for English one level below transfer.

*Total lecture 54 hours.* As an introduction to social psychology, this course considers individual human behavior in relation to community and other social environments from sociological and psychological perspectives. The concepts of the individual and collective psyche will be examined in the context of the influence of the situation, of other individuals and the social group. Emphasized topics include power, culture, aggression, prejudice and stereotypes, interpersonal attraction, attitudes and attitude change, conformity, group phenomena, gender, cultural norms, perception and cognition, as well as application of group and community intervention processes. Approved for pass/no pass grading option. C-ID PSY 170 (A/CSU/UC) PC-Area H; CSU-D7; CSU-D9; CSU-D10; CSU-E; IGETC-4J

### CORRECTED

### CHEMISTRY

#### P106 – INTRODUCTION TO CHEMICAL PRINCIPLES..... 4 UNITS

*Prerequisite:* Elementary algebra equivalent or higher.

*Total lecture 54 hours, laboratory 54 hours.* Emphasis on concepts and principles of chemistry: measurement, chemical formulas and equations, stoichiometry, energy, chemical reactions, atomic structure, bonding, molecular geometry, and properties of solids, liquids, and gases. C-ID CHEM 101 (A/CSU/UC) PC-Area F; CSU-B1; CSU-B3; IGETC-5A; IGETC-5C; No UC credit for CHEM P106 if taken after CHEM P101A.

## **WELDING**

### **P116 – ARC & GAS WELDING .....3 UNITS**

*Prerequisite:* None.

*Total lecture 36 hours, laboratory 54 hours.* This course covers the basic theory of oxyacetylene and arc welding equipment and processes. It also includes welding and/or cutting of mild steel in flat, vertical and overhead positions in sheet, plate and pipe. (A/CSU)