



Certified Patient Care Technician/Assistant (CPCT/A)

National Standard Setting Study – Executive Summary

The Certified Patient Care Technician/Assistant (CPCT/A) examination is designed to evaluate the knowledge and skills associated with the performance of tasks required for entry-level practice as a patient care technician/assistant. A criterion-referenced cut score was set to establish the minimum level of competency for the CPCT/A examination. A modified version of the standard setting method presented by Angoff (1971) was used to establish the cut score for this assessment. The cut score was established by a panel of subject matter experts who evaluated whether a minimally qualified candidate would correctly respond to each item on the examination, and rating those items accordingly. This study yielded a raw cut that was transformed to a scaled score of 390/500. The pass rate for the initial sample of candidates (172) at this cut score was 75.0%.