

MY NEXT MOVE

Psychiatric Technicians

Also called: Mental Health Associate, Mental Health Technician (MHT), Mental Health Worker, Psychiatric Technician (PT)

What they do:

Care for individuals with mental or emotional conditions or disabilities, following the instructions of physicians or other health practitioners. Monitor patients' physical and emotional well-being and report to medical staff. May participate in rehabilitation and treatment programs, help with personal hygiene, and administer oral or injectable medications.

On the job, you would:

- Take and record measures of patients' physical condition, using devices such as thermometers or blood pressure gauges.
- Monitor patients' physical and emotional well-being and report unusual behavior or physical ailments to medical staff.
- Provide nursing, psychiatric, or personal care to mentally ill, emotionally disturbed, or mentally retarded patients.

KNOWLEDGE

Math and Science

- psychology

Health

- therapy and counseling

Business

- customer service
- management

Safety and Government

- public safety and security

SKILLS

Basic Skills

- talking to others
- keeping track of how well people and/or groups are doing in order to make improvements

Social

- understanding people's reactions
- changing what is done based on other people's actions

People and Technology Systems

- thinking about the pros and cons of different options and picking the best one

- figuring out how a system should work and how changes in the future will affect it

ABILITIES

Verbal

- communicate by speaking
- listen and understand what people say

Ideas and Logic

- notice when problems happen
- make general rules or come up with answers from lots of detailed information

PERSONALITY

People interested in this work like activities that include **helping people, teaching,** and talking.

They do well at jobs that need:

- **Concern for Others**
- **Stress Tolerance**
- **Adaptability/Flexibility**
- **Dependability**
- **Integrity**
- **Self Control**

TECHNOLOGY

You might use software like this on the job:

Spreadsheet software

- Microsoft Excel 

Medical software

- GE Healthcare Centricity EMR
- Netsmart Technologies Avatar Clinical Workstation CWS

Electronic mail software

- Microsoft Outlook

EDUCATION



high school diploma/GED or
master's degree

usually needed

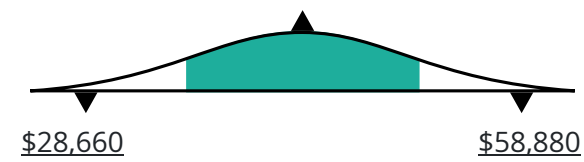
JOB OUTLOOK



New job opportunities are **very likely** in the future.

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SALARY: **\$37,380**



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