

## Regarding Licensure and Certification

All applicants should be aware that PCI's courses are designed to give our graduates the education and skills necessary for entry-level positions in their chosen field. In some instances, further education, training or work experience may be required for advanced positions, or to fulfill voluntary certification requirements or to obtain state licensure. Requirements will vary from state to state and even county to county or town to town, and may change over time. Students are encouraged to research licensing and certification requirements for the location in which they intend to work.

### Automotive Technology

There is no license or certification required for entry-level employment in either CT or MA. We have not made a determination about licensing requirements in any other state. Certain industry-recognized certifications can enhance employability. As part of their program, PCI students have the opportunity to earn the ASE Refrigerant Recovery and Recycling Certification.

### CADD Technology

There is no license or certification required for entry-level employment in either CT or MA. We have not made a determination about licensing requirements in any other state. Certain industry-recognized certifications can enhance employability.

### Career Computer and Network Technology

There is no license or certification required for entry-level employment in either CT or MA. We have not made a determination about licensing requirements in any other state. Certain industry-recognized certifications can enhance employability. PCI students are able to sit for the following credentialing exams as part of their program:

- CompTIA A+ Certification Exams 1 and 2
- CompTIA Network + Certification test
- Microsoft Certification Exam

### Career Electronics Systems Technician

**CT:** This program has been approved at the CT campuses for the "Related Instruction" hours required for the Connecticut C6, L62, and T2 licenses. Only courses passed with a grade of 75 or higher are counted toward Related Instruction hours. Candidates also need to accrue approximately 4,000 hours of work in the field (two years) prior to being eligible to apply to sit for a licensing exam. As part of the program, students have the opportunity to earn their OSHA 30 certification.

**MA:** This program is not currently taught in Massachusetts

**Other States:** We have not made a determination about licensing requirements in any other state.

**Career HVACR**

**CT:** This program has been approved at the CT campuses for the “Related Instruction” hours required for the Connecticut B-2, D-2 and S-2 licenses. Only courses passed with a grade of 75 or higher are counted toward Related Instruction hours. Candidates also need to accrue hours working in the field prior to being eligible to apply to sit for a licensing exam. The Related Instruction/Apprenticeship hours for each license are: S-2: 720/8,000; D-2: 432/4,000 and B-2: 252/2,000. As part of their program, PCI students have the opportunity to earn their OSHA 30 certification and their EPA section 608A certification.

**MA:** There are no licensing requirements in MA for general HVACR work. As part of their program, PCI students have the opportunity to earn their OSHA 30 certification and their EPA Section 608A certification.

**Other States:** We have not made a determination about licensing requirements in any other state.

**Career Industrial, Commercial and Residential Electrician**

**CT:** This program has been approved at the CT campuses for the 720 “Related Instruction” hours required for the Connecticut E-2 license. Only courses passed with a grade of 75 or higher are counted toward Related Instruction hours. Candidates also need to accrue 8,000 hours of work in the field (approximately four years) prior to being eligible to apply to sit for the licensing exam. As part of their program, PCI students have the opportunity to earn their OSHA 30 certification.

**MA:** This program has been approved at the MA campuses for the 600 hours of “Related Instruction” required for the Massachusetts Class B (journeyman electrician) license. Candidates also need to accrue 8,000 hours of work in the field (approximately 4 years) prior to being eligible to apply to sit for the licensing exam. As part of their program, PCI students have the opportunity to earn their OSHA 30 certification.

**Other States:** We have not made a determination about licensing requirements in any other state.

**Cosmetology**

This program has been approved at the Rocky Hill campus for the 1500 hours of instruction required to sit for the Connecticut Hairdresser’s licensing exam. The Department of Public Health has the authority to deny licensure to an individual who has committed or been found guilty of committing a felony or an act which does not conform to the accepted standards of the profession. Please be advised that applicants are reviewed independently and many factors are considered to determine if there is any impediment as to his/her ability to practice safely and effectively as a professional in Connecticut

## Dental Assisting

PCI students are able to sit for the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) Infection Control exam and the DANB Radiation Health and Safety exam as part of their program. The Radiology and Infection Control certificates can be applied toward the Certified Dental Assisting (CDA) exam, as can the General Chairside Assisting exam. PCI graduates who wish to sit for the General Chairside Assisting exam may do so after working 3500 hours in the field (or approximately 2 years). The DANB exam applications ask about any criminal records. Students with a record will need to provide copies of their court records to the DANB board which will make the decision as to whether or not the student may sit for any of the certification exams.

**CT:** Dental Assistants who have not yet passed the (DANB) Infection Control exam must take and pass it within nine months from the start of their employment.

**MA:** Graduates must apply for and receive a license from the Board of Registration in Dentistry prior to working as a Dental Assistant. PCI's program has been approved by the Board, so candidates apply as "formally trained". The MA licensing process involves a "CORI" (criminal background) check, but there is no licensing exam. Candidates must also have their CPR certification, which PCI students earn as part of their program.

**Other States:** We have not made a determination about licensing requirements in any other state.

## Medical Assisting

There is currently no license or certification requirement for entry-level employment or practice in either CT or MA. We have not made a determination about licensing requirements in any other state. Certain industry-recognized certifications can enhance employability or may be required by the employer. PCI graduates are able to sit for a credentialing exam as part of their program- the Certified Medical Assistant (AAMA) (open to graduates of ABHES accredited programs, such as PCI's) or Registered Medical Assistant (open to any program graduate). The exam applications ask about any criminal records. Students convicted of a felony after admission to PCI will need to apply for, and be granted, a waiver from the certifying board before being able to take the certification exam.

## Plumbing

**CT:** This program has been approved at the CT campuses for the 720 "Related Instruction" hours required for the Connecticut P-2 license. Only courses passed with a grade of 75 or higher are counted toward Related Instruction hours. Candidates also need to accrue 8,000 hours of work in the field (approximately four years) prior to being eligible to apply to sit for the licensing exam. As part of their program, Porter and Chester students have the opportunity to earn their OSHA 30 certification.

**MA:** This program is not currently taught in Massachusetts

**Other States:** We have not made a determination about licensing requirements in any other state.

By completing the acknowledgement form, I certify that the items listed above pertinent to my program were covered with me prior to enrolling.