



Shawnee Community College Phlebotomy Program

Dear Student,

This less than one-year certificate program is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary for entry-level employment as a phlebotomist in a variety of healthcare related facilities. Phlebotomists primarily draw blood, which is then used for different types of medical laboratory testing or for procedures, such as transfusions. In addition to drawing blood, phlebotomists also may collect urine or other samples. Phlebotomists are responsible for instructing patients on procedures for proper collection and ensuring that the sample collected is acceptable and clearly labeled in its container.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports median annual earnings in May 2021 at \$37,380. Nationally, employment of phlebotomists is projected to grow 10 percent from 2021 to 2031, much faster than the average for all occupations, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. As the healthcare industry expands because of technological advances in medicine and the growth and aging of the population, there will be an increased need for all healthcare workers.

Graduates of this program earn a certificate of achievement upon graduation. Students are not certified as a phlebotomy technician until they successfully pass a professional certification exam.

Upon successful completion of this program students are eligible to take the National Certified Phlebotomy Technician (NCPT) through the NCCT (National Center for Comprehensive Testing). Students can sit for this certification exam in the Testing Center at Shawnee Community College. Although certification as a phlebotomist is not required by state or federal law, some employers prefer or require certification because they recognize that individuals who are certified are committed to their profession and to quality patient care. The employment outlook is also enhanced by certification. Certified individuals tend to earn higher wages and have greater promotional opportunities.

If you have certain criminal convictions, you may not be eligible for this program. If you have a criminal conviction, you should not pursue this program until you have spoken with the Allied Health Department Chair.

INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Students will not be allowed to begin their internship rotations until the following requirements have been met.

- results of criminal background check
- results of drug testing
- evidence of initial physical examination
- evidence of 2 step TB skin test or chest x-ray
- evidence of a Rubella titer or MMR immunization since 1989
- evidence of varicella titer or varicella vaccine
- evidence of Hepatitis B inoculations (series of 3 vaccinations). Two inoculations must be completed prior to the first day of internship
- evidence of Tdap vaccine within the past 5 years
- evidence of instruction regarding OSHA blood borne pathogens and tuberculosis regulations before beginning internship
- evidence of instruction regarding confidentiality and HIPAA regulations before beginning internship
- evidence of personal health insurance
- current American Heart Association basic life support CPR card for healthcare providers
- evidence of current influenza vaccine after mid-September of the current year. Deadline will be based on internship site requirements. (may be required by internship site)
- evidence of Covid vaccination (may be required by internship site)

Additionally, students must be able to walk, stand, stoop, assist in lifting clients, reach above one's own head, move quickly, utilize fine motor control of hands and work under stress. These requirements are consistent with duties commonly performed by a phlebotomist. The student must meet performance standards of functional abilities for the profession.

Thank you for your interest in the phlebotomy program.

Regards,

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Phlebotomy Program Guide

| | | Credit Hours | |
|--|---------|------------------------------|------------|
| | PHB 120 | Basic Phlebotomy | 2 |
| | PHB 121 | Phlebotomy Internship | <u>1</u> |
| | CPR 120 | CPR for Healthcare Providers | 0.5 |
| | | TOTAL HOURS | 3.5 |

2023-2024 Phlebotomy Program Textbook List by Course

| Course Number | Textbook |
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| PHB-120 | Garza & Becan-McBride. (2018). <i>Phlebotomy Handbook: Blood Specimen Collection from Basic to Advanced</i> . (10th ed.). Pearson. (Required) ISBN# 9780134709321 |
| PHB-121 | No book required. |

Phlebotomy Program Estimated Cost for the 2023-2024 Academic Year

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| Tuition & Fees (\$125.00 per credit hour), Lab Fees (insurance, assessment, and testing) Rates may change without prior notice. | \$493.00 |
| Personal health insurance | \$200.00 |
| Pre-entry physical | \$100.00 |
| Immunizations and/or titers (health department estimate) | \$500.00 |
| Drug testing | \$49.00 |
| Criminal Background Check | \$20.00 |
| Female uniform top | \$24.00 – 28.00 |
| Female uniform pants /skirt | \$22.00 – 26.00 |
| Male uniform top | \$26.00 - 28.00 |
| Male uniform pants | \$24.00 - 28.00 |
| Lab Coat | \$28.00 - 30.00 |
| Black clinical socks | \$11.00 |
| Clinical shoes | \$50.00 |
| Textbooks | \$100.00 |
| Certification examination fee (optional) | \$119.00 |

Total Estimated In-district Cost: \$1,766

*Transportation costs and miscellaneous school supplies are not included.