



Health Careers Phlebotomy Technician

Job Title

- Phlebotomy Technician

About the Occupation

Phlebotomy technicians (phlebotomists) are responsible for the collection, transport, handling and processing of blood specimens for analysis. The phlebotomy technician certificate program provides a foundation for possible transition into other health care careers such as medical assistant, medical lab technician or medical technologist.

Highlights of Waubonsee's Program

- This program is just 9 credit hours, allowing students a quick entry into or way to advance in the health care field.
- The required externship allows students to gain 120 hours worth of real-world experience.

Professional Certification Opportunities

- *Phlebotomy Technician (PBT)* — Graduates who meet certain requirements will be eligible to take this national certification exam from the American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP).

Phlebotomy Technician Certificate of Achievement

(435A) major code

This certificate program prepares individuals for employment in a variety of health care settings that require the collection, handling and processing of blood specimens. Graduates may be eligible to take the national certification examination, Phlebotomy Technician, PBT (ASCP) to become Certified Phlebotomy Technicians.

Course Requirements

m	*AOS	222	Medical Terms for Health Care Occupations	1
m	COM	125	Communication Strategies for Healthcare Careers	2
m	PBT	105	Theoretical and Clinical Aspects of Phlebotomy +	4.5
m	PBT	297	Phlebotomy Externship +	1.5
PROGRAM TOTAL				9

* *Students may proficiency a course by passing a proficiency test. Contact the division of Business and Information Systems for test dates and times (see directory).*

- m *Major course requires minimum grade of C.*
- + *Program admission required for enrollment.*

Procedure for Entering the Phlebotomy Technician Program

The phlebotomy technician program is offered during the fall and spring semesters. Enrollment in the phlebotomy (PBT) courses is limited in order to provide the best possible educational experience for students. Previous or concurrent enrollment in AOS 222 and COM 125, and program assessment testing in reading are required for enrollment in PBT courses. Acceptance into the program is based on assessment results, with documentation of reading skills at an 8th grade level. Students should contact the Center for Learning Assessment (see directory) for testing dates and times.

For continuation in the phlebotomy technician program, a 2.0 or better GPA must be received in each of the major courses.

Current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers, completed health form, documented immunizations, and 2-step tuberculosis (TB) test are required two weeks prior to the start of PBT 297 Phlebotomy Externship.

Program Costs

In addition to tuition and regular fees, the phlebotomy technician student has the following minimum fees and expenses:

Textbooks for PBT classes (excludes general education courses)	\$41
BLS Certification.....	\$45
Uniform	\$50
Physical exam, immunizations, TB testing	per health care provider

Total Estimated Costs

(excluding medical requirements)\$136

NOTE: These fees and expenses are *approximate costs* and are subject to change without prior notice to the student.