

# Phlebotomy Technician



Health Sciences

Career Pathways

## Certificate Program

A phlebotomy technician performs venipuncture techniques to collect blood specimens necessary in the diagnosis and treatment of a client, as well as related procedures, such as point of entry testing/dermal punctures, specimen transport and processing and infection control. Legal, ethical and professional concepts related to the role of the phlebotomist will also be studied.

The program includes classroom and skills laboratory experiences, followed by a clinical externship. Some clinical work may be in the evening. To enter the clinical portion, students must be at least 18 years old and able to document good physical and mental health. A physical examination and immunizations are required for students at their expense to verify capabilities and general health status. The exam must be completed before clinical placement in HLTSC 157. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification from the American Red Cross or American Heart Association and criminal background/drug screen checks may also be required by some clinical agencies at the student's expense. In addition to college rules, phlebotomy technician students are required to adhere to policies and procedures outlined in the Phlebotomy Technician Student Handbook. Students must be available at least 20 hours per week for the classroom portion and are required to work up to 40 hours per week for 3 weeks or a total of 120 hours for the externship period. This course of study must be completed in a CLIA-regulated, accredited laboratory without monetary compensation.

Both classes (HLTSC 156 and HLTSC 157) must be completed for the certificate with a "C" average or better.

Phlebotomists work in free standing laboratories, hospitals, clinics, home care areas and physicians' offices. Phlebotomists are often cross-trained as patient care technicians. Starting pay is about \$22,000.

Students who wish to review or enhance phlebotomy skills may elect to take HLTSC 156 (Phlebotomy Basics) and not HLTSC 157 (Phlebotomy II), but a certificate will not be awarded.

Students must complete the necessary prerequisites before the beginning of a clinical rotation. Each student must pass both the lab and theory portion of the class with a "C" average (78 percent) or better to be eligible for a phlebotomy externship, HLTSC 157.

### Credits

HLTSC 156 (Phlebotomy Basics) .....	6
HLTSC 157 (Phlebotomy II) .....	3

**Total Certificate Requirements** **9**

*NOTE: A minimum of 10 students is required for this class to run.*