

Phlebotomy

SEWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Phlebotomists draw blood for tests, transfusions, research, or blood donations. Phlebotomists work mainly in hospitals, medical and diagnostic laboratories, blood donor centers, and doctor's offices. Phlebotomists typically enter the occupation with a postsecondary non-degree award from a phlebotomy program. Almost all employers look for phlebotomists who have earned professional certification.

Career Opportunities

The phlebotomy profession is currently experiencing a critical personnel shortage. Hospitals, diagnostic laboratories, blood donor centers, and other locations will need phlebotomists to collect blood specimens. The national median annual wage for phlebotomists was \$17.97 per hour in March 2022. (www.bls.gov)

Degree Options

Individuals interested in a career as a phlebotomist may direct their goals to one of many levels of education. Seward County Community College offers a Certificate of Completion in phlebotomy. This certificate serves as a solid foundation for additional degrees in medical laboratory science.

Advising

Your SCCC advisor will help you plan your course of study and outline the specific requirements for completion of the certificate.

Facilities

SCCC provides a phlebotomy laboratory for students to gain experience in the psychomotor skills required for the program. The phlebotomy clinical practicum experience will be conducted in an approved clinical affiliate site.

Program Outcomes

Phlebotomy graduates will demonstrate an average of at least 70% on the Board of Certification exam as calculated by the most recent three-year period.

At least 70% of students who have begun the final half of the phlebotomy program will successfully graduate from the program as calculated by the most recent three-year period.

Phlebotomy graduates will demonstrate an average of at least 70% employment placement rate either through employment in the field or closely related field or continue their education within one year of graduation as calculated by the most recent three-year period.

Essential Functions

The following list of physical capabilities and behavioral skills have been identified as being necessary for success in the field of phlebotomy:

Visual Observation:

Visual observation must be sufficient and adequate to allow students to:

- 1) Differentiate color changes during performance of laboratory procedures.
- 2) Observe patient's condition during phlebotomy procedures.
- 3) Read lab instrument technical procedure manuals, standard operating procedures, and a patient's chart.

Motor Function:

Motor functions must be sufficient and adequate to allow students to:

- 1) Perform venipuncture at patient's bedside or at other designated locations.
- 2) Lift and handle laboratory instruments and equipment
- Manipulate medical laboratory instruments and equipment in a manner consistent with standards of medical laboratory practice.

Communication:

- 1) Demonstrate proficiency of the English language both orally and in writing. NOTE: Per institutional policy, ELS students may be required to take the TOEFEL and submit scores to the MLT Program Coordinator.
- 2) Possess verbal and written skills adequate for transmitting information to co-workers and patients.

Behavior and Social Skills:

The student's behavior and social skills must be acceptable to an academic and clinical setting.

Critical Thinking Skills:

The student must possess critical thinking ability sufficient to an academic and clinical setting.

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Degree Requirements

Type of Award: Certificate of Completion

		Credit Hours
Program Course of Study		12
Introduction to Medical Technol Phlebotomy – Lecture & Lab Medical Terminology	ogy – Lecture & Lab	3 4 3
Phlebotomy Clinical Practicum		2
Total Degree Requirements		12
Eligibility Requirements	 Apply for admission to SCCC. Submit official high school transcript or GED scores. Minimum GPA is 2.50. Have completed one year of high school science with a final grade of a C or higher Have completed one year of high school math with a final grade of a C or higher 	
Additional Requirements	Proof of health insurance. Criminal background check.	
Certification	Graduates of the SCCC phlebotomy program are eligible to sit for the ASCP Board Certification exam. Completers under the age of 18 or those that do not have a hig or GED are eligible for the American Society of Phlebotomy Technician certification	h school diploma
NOTE:	The phlebotomy clinical practicum may require travel outside of Liberand clinical time may include early mornings and late afternoon/early hours.	

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