

Phlebotomy Technician

16-credit Technical Diploma

About the Program

A phlebotomy technician's chief responsibility is drawing blood and conducting other specimen collections. The phlebotomist must recognize any conditions that might alter collections, correlate types of lab tests to the written diagnosis, and communicate with both the laboratory and the patients to provide the best care possible. Graduates of the phlebotomy program will be competent in multiple skills of specimen collection, have a strong medical terminology background and possess excellent interpersonal skills. Drawing blood from a patient for laboratory analysis, understanding lab test requirements and maintaining specimen quality are all skills phlebotomy students will develop.

Graduates of WCTC's Phlebotomy program are eligible to take the certification exams.

Potential Job Titles

- Donor Specialist
- Medical Laboratory Technician
- Phlebotomist
- Phlebotomy Technician

Credit Transfer

Credits earned in the Phlebotomy Technician program may be transferable to institutions offering baccalaureate degrees. Visit www.wctc.edu/transfer for specific information. Since the details of credit transfers change from time to time, be sure to contact the intended college or university to verify credit transferability.

Admission Process

- Fill out a WCTC application
- Send \$30 non-refundable application fee
- Send high school transcript or GED/HSED
- Send any previous college transcripts
- Complete Skills Assessment test (COMPASS)
- View online informational meeting and schedule a Program Planning Session (PPS) with program counselor

For more information, call 262.691.5200.

Required Courses

Credits

First Semester

501-101	Medical Terminology	3
501-107	Intro to Healthcare Computing	2
509-309	Medical Law/Ethics/Professionalism	1
513-110	Introduction to Phlebotomy	3
513-111	Introduction to Phlebotomy II Practicum	3
513-121	Pediatric Phlebotomy	1
801-316	Communication in Health Occupations	3+
Total semester credits		16

+ Proficiency exam available

A grade point of 2.0 (C) or better is required in all courses to complete the program.

Curriculum is current as of catalog printing. The most current curriculum requirements for graduation will be provided upon admission to program, or review at www.wctc.edu.

Phlebotomy Technician Required Courses

501-101 Medical Terminology	3	513-111 Intro Phlebotomy II Practicum	3
Develop an understanding of medical terminology by breaking related words into prefixes, root words, and suffixes. Practice the formation, analysis, and reconstruction of terms, and learn correct spellings, definitions, and pronunciations. Become familiar with the operative, diagnostic, therapeutic, and symptomatic terminology of all body systems, as well as systemic and surgical terminology.		Build on previously learned skills while continuing to master specimen collection and the preservation of specimens from various sources. Solidify skills in specimen processing while incorporating a personal concept of professionalism. Prerequisites: 513-110 Introduction to Phlebotomy	
501-107 Intro to Healthcare Computing	2	513-121 Pediatric Phlebotomy	1
Become familiar with the basic computer applications used in contemporary healthcare settings, including common software packages, operating systems, file management, word processing, spreadsheets, databases, the Internet, and e-mail. Study the hardware and software components of modern computer systems.		Become familiar with various pediatric blood collection procedures and equipment. Use hands-on, simulated classroom exercises and observe practices in a clinical setting. Prerequisites: 513-110 Introduction to Phlebotomy (or concurrent)	
509-309 Medical Law, Ethics & Profess	1	801-316 Commun in Health Occup	3
Explore the concept of professionalism, and learn how to perform within ethical and legal boundaries in the health care setting. Practice maintaining confidentiality, examine legal aspects of medical records, perform risk management procedures, and examine legal and bioethical issues.		Explore the communication skills that are essential to a health occupations practitioner. Discuss and practice listening, asserting, conveying information accurately, avoiding breakdowns, and resolving conflicts. Complete this interactive learning experience with a unit on grammar, punctuation, e-mail use, and telephone skills.	
513-110 Introduction to Phlebotomy	3		
Study basic phlebotomy concepts such as skin punctures, venipunctures, arterial punctures, and bleeding times. Master specimen collection, preservation of specimens from various sources, and specimen processing. Incorporate a personal concept of professionalism.			