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## **PHLEBOTOMY**

### HEALTH SCIENCE EDUCATION

A phlebotomy technician is a healthcare professional that is responsible for drawing blood from patients and preparing it for further medical testing. They may draw blood for tests, transfusions, research, or blood donations. Some explain their work to patients and provide assistance when patients have adverse reactions after their blood is drawn. Because some patients have a fear of needles or blood, it is important for the technician to develop a sense of confidence and trust with the patient. The state of Texas requires a technician to be licensed or registered, while some other states do not. Because of the nature of the job, excellent communication skills are required to thoroughly explain procedures to patients.

A phlebotomy technician is required to learn a specialized skill and master it. Handling blood at a hospital or doctor's office is not taken lightly, and can be very dangerous if not performed properly.

#### **Tasks:**

- Assembles the tools/equipment necessary for the procedure. This involves blood collection devices, needles, alcohol, gauze and bandages, tourniquet, etc. Usually these are assembled on a work tray on a per-patient basis.
- Verify the identity of the patient and confirm medical records are correct. Maintains a sense of comfort with the patient to instill an environment of trust.
- Responsible for locating the vein and swabbing with disinfectant, then withdrawing the blood into a collection tube or bag.
- Once the blood is drawn, the tech will then treat the punctured area and label and record the sample collected.
- Other duties can include pricking the finger to draw blood, taking vital signs, interviewing patients, withdrawing test samples to screen donors at a blood bank, etc.

#### **Work Environment:**

Phlebotomy technicians work mainly in hospitals, medical and diagnostic laboratories, specialized clinics, blood donor centers, and doctors' offices.

#### **Salary Data:**

National median wage: \$33,670 /year (BLS.gov 2017)

**Delivery:** 9 Week Intensive Study  
**Start:** Fall, Spring, Summer Semesters  
**Location:** Abilene

**Our Phlebotomy Technician Certification program is a 84 hour course with lecture and 48 hours clinical experience.**

This course emphasizes skills development in the performance of a variety of blood collection methods using proper techniques and standard precautions. Classroom and lab work covers infection prevention, patient identification, specimen labeling, quality assurance, specimen handling, processing, accessioning, professionalism, ethics, and medical terminology.

Students who successfully complete this program will be eligible to take the certification exam on the Cisco College Abilene Campus immediately.

#### Application to Cisco College Procedure:

- ☐ Complete the Cisco College Admission Application.  
STEPS:
  1. Go online to **www.cisco.edu**
  2. Select ADMISSIONS.
  3. Fill out all information.
- ☐ Have all official transcripts/GED sent to Cisco College Admissions Office.

#### Application to Program Procedure:

- ☐ Complete a **Phlebotomy Application Packet** for program enrollment. *(Available for pick up or online.)*
- ☐ Pay the **\$800 program tuition fee** which includes the National Exam cost. Must be paid with application packet submission. *(Financial aid cannot be used for this program.)*
- ☐ Provide an original **Social Security card** for review.
- ☐ Provide a **government issued photo ID**. *(First and last name should be identical to Social Security card.)*
- ☐ Provide proof of current health insurance coverage.
- ☐ Participate in student advisement with the Workforce & Economic Development Office or attend an information session.
- ☐ Pass a **Background Check** completed by [www.prechek.com/student](http://www.prechek.com/student). Certain convictions may result in denial to program and/or restrict employment in the healthcare field. *(No felony convictions.) (Additional cost to student.)*
- ☐ Complete a **Drug Urinalysis**: A 10 panel urine drug screen is required; please use *Any Lab Test Now* and let them know you are a Cisco College student. *(Additional cost to student.)*
- ☐ Satisfy healthcare agency requirements by providing the Workforce & Economic Development Office a copy of your immunization record showing proof (titer, immunization, or physician's documentation of illness) for a negative Tuberculin skin test and the following immunizations:
  - ◇ Flu vaccine- yearly
  - ◇ Hepatitis B- series of 3
  - ◇ Tuberculin skin test- yearly
  - ◇ Mumps, Measles, Rubella- x2
  - ◇ Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis (Tdap)
  - ◇ Varicella-x2 *\*unless you have had chicken pox*
  - ◇ Meningococcal *(all students 22 and under)*
- ☐ Have the following required uniform, which must be worn to every class:
  - Scrub set as specified
  - White or black leather look shoes as specified

#### Selection criteria are as follows:

- Selection is a first come, first serve basis; A limit of 10 students per class.
- Application procedures completed in a timely manner.
- Prospective students should remember that acceptance by Cisco College does not guarantee admission into specific occupational programs.

