



CISCO COLLEGE

## 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 draw blood for tests, transfusions, research, or blood donations.

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 procedure to patients and provide the best care.

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 dangerous if not performed properly.

### TASKS

- Assembles the tools/equipment necessary for procedures
- Verify the identity of the patients and confirm medical records are correct
- Responsible for locating the vein and collecting the blood in a tube or bag
- Treating the punctured area, and label and record the sample collected
- Taking vital signs, interviewing patients, withdrawing test samples at blood banks

### SALARY DATA

National Median Wage:  
**\$33,670/year**  
(BLS.gov 2017)

### WORK ENVIRONMENT

- Work in medical diagnostic laboratories or hospitals, specialized clinics, blood donor centers, or doctor's offices
- Handling blood and working with needles, bandages, and tourniquets

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## CISCO APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Complete the Cisco College application.
- Have all official transcripts sent to Cisco College Admissions Office.

8 WEEK  
INTENSIVE STUDY  
—  
FALL, SPRING, &  
SUMMER SEMESTERS  
—  
ABILENE LOCATION

## PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Complete a **Phlebotomy Application Packet** for program enrollment (*available for pick up or online*).
- Pay the \$850 program tuition fee** which includes the National Exam cost. Must be paid with application packet submission (*Financial Aid cannot be used for this program*).
- Complete a 10-panel urine **drug screen** (see packet for details).
- Complete a Group 1 **background check** (link provided in application packet).
- Satisfy healthcare agency requirements by **uploading a copy of your immunization record to your online portal\*** (titer, immunization, or physician's documentation of illness) showing proof of a negative Tuberculin skin test one month prior to practicum 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
- Have the following required uniform, which must be worn to every class:
  - Scrub set (as specified in packet)
  - White leather shoes (as specified in packet)

\*See packet for details. Email [workforce@cisco.edu](mailto:workforce@cisco.edu) for a packet.

Our Phlebotomy Technician Certification program is an 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, accessing, 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.



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## ADMITTANCE CRITERIA

Selection is on a first come, first serve basis.

All application procedures completed in a timely manner.

Prospective students should remember that acceptance by Cisco College does not guarantee admission into specific occupational programs.