

Phlebotomy is a 164-hour two-part course that prepares students to draw blood specimens from patients/clients for analysis.

The first part of the course includes 120 hours of classroom instruction with extensive lab practice. Curriculum focus is on basic anatomy and physiology; proper selection/collection of blood specimens via capillaries and veins; proper techniques for care of blood specimens; use and maintenance of laboratory equipment; appropriate interpersonal communication skills with patients/clients and healthcare team members; data entry and associated clerical duties for accurate record keeping. Instructor demonstration of proper technique and student return demonstration is a key component of this course. A comprehensive written evaluation and mock competency is administered to confirm student competency at the end of part one of the course.

The second part of the course requires 44 hours of clinical rotation. Clinical begins with a four hour lab tour following by 40 consecutive hours in an assigned facility, wherein the student will demonstrate proficiency of knowledge and skills acquired, through interactions with patients/clients. Upon successful completion of this two-part course, the student will receive a certificate.

Q & A

- **Exactly what is phlebotomy?**
 - Blood collection.
- **Will someone put a needle in MY arm?**
 - Yes. Students participating in this course must interact with classmates by giving and receiving actual blood specimens. You receive and you give.
- **How long is the class?**
 - 120 hours of class/lab
 - 44 hours of clinical.
- **What are the entrance requirements?**
 - High School Diploma or GED
 - Government issued photo ID
 - Social Security card
 - Malpractice insurance
 - Reading Placement Test
 - Students must score 80 on Reading to meet entrance requirements.
Tests are administered at the Testing Centers on both campuses.
- **What are the costs of the class?**
 - Registration fees:

- Part one (Class/Lab): \$175
 - Part two (Clinical): \$120
 - Textbook is approximately \$ 55
 - Laboratory coat – cost varies
 - Malpractice Insurance \$ 13
- Will I get a certificate when I finish the course?
 - Yes
- What about a national test?
 - A national exam is not required in order to practice as a phlebotomist in North Carolina. However, upon successful completion of both class and clinical components, you will be eligible to sit for a National Certification Exam.
 - The American Society of Phlebotomy Technicians (ASPT) is a local chapter of a national organization.
 - You may access information at <http://www.aspt.org>
- What kind of money do you earn?
 - \$9 - \$11/hour depending upon the facility
- Where would I work?
 - Doctor's office
 - Hospital
 - American Red Cross
 - Medical offices requiring a phlebotomist
- What are my chances of finding a job in phlebotomy?
 - Very good. Students are often offered employment where they attend their clinical rotation.

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