Phlebotomy

Are you looking for a healthcare career where you can work directly with patients?

Do you have a passion for helping others?

The Career

Phlebotomists 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. Phlebotomists typically do the following:

- Draw blood from patients and blood donors
- Talk with patients and donors to help them feel less nervous about having their blood drawn
- Verify a patient's or donor's identity to ensure proper labeling of the blood
- Label the drawn blood for testing or processing
- Enter patient information into a database
- Assemble and maintain medical instruments such as needles, test tubes, and blood vials
- Processing and packaging blood samples
- · Keep work areas clean and sanitary

The Program

The Phlebotomy Program integrates theoretical, practical and interpersonal skills providing the basis for the certificate recipient to work as an entry-level Phlebotomist. Classroom learning is followed by a 120-hour internship that is performed weekdays, in a clinical laboratory or other health care facility, to provide the skills required of a certified Phlebotomist. Students entering the program must be 18 or older, possess a high school diploma or equivalent, and pass a background check. Internship sites may also require a drug screening and proof of vaccination.

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Job Opportunities

Graduates may obtain employment in a variety of different settings including (but not limited to):

- Hospitals; state, local, and private
- Medical and diagnostic laboratories
- All other ambulatory healthcare services
- Offices of physicians
- Outpatient care centers

Career Outlook

	US	NH	VT			
Annual Salary	\$35,510	\$37,100	\$33,750			
Average Hourly	\$17.07	\$17.84	\$16.23			
Job Growth	23%	19%	13%			
Projected Growth	■■■ M	uch faster tl	nan average			

Career data sources in 2020 from www.bls.gov Salaries reflect median wages

Phlebotomy Certificate Program Requirements

	Fall Semester	CL	LAB	CR
PHBC110R	Phlebotomy	2	1	3
	Spring Semester	CL	LAB	CR
PHBC190R	Phlebotomy Internship (PHBC110R) (120 hours)		0	3

Phlebotomy Internship Requirements

To Register for PHBC 190R, Phlebotomy Internship, students must be 18 or older, matriculated in the program and provide the following paperwork to the Program Director by November 15th. (More information on this will be provided during PHBC 110R).

- Completion of PHBC110R with a C or better
- Criminal Background Check
- Receipt of proof of immunity to infectious disease through documentation of titer or receipt of vaccines
- Proof of health insurance
- 10 or 12 panel Drug Screen
- CPR Certification

To receive your RVCC Phlebotomy Certification students must complete PHBC 190R with a final grade of "C" or better and have met all college financial obligations.

Professional Certification Options

Upon completion of the RVCC Phlebotomy Certificate students are eligible to sit for the nationally recognized:

- Phlebotomy Technician (PBT(ASCP)) exam through the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, or
- Phlebotomy Technician Certification (CPT) through the National Healthcareer Association.

Important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students who attended this program is available on our website: www.rivervalley.edu.



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