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## **Accelerated Phlebotomy Technician Program**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Q: What does a Phlebotomy Technician do?**

Phlebotomy technicians perform blood collection procedures including skin puncture and venipuncture to collect blood specimens for tests the physicians have ordered to help with diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease. Phlebotomy technicians typically do the following:

1. Prepare patients: Explain the procedure, gather materials, and help patients feel comfortable
2. Verify patient information: Confirm the patient's identity and update their records
3. Draw blood: Collect blood from patients using a needle or a lancet
4. Label samples: Use proper labels to avoid mix-ups
5. Maintain records: Update patient information in databases
6. Follow protocols: Follow health and safety procedures and physician directions
7. Help patients: Reassure and support patients who are nervous

#### **Q: Am I the right fit for becoming a Phlebotomy Technician?**

If you enjoy the interacting with people and want a career in health care, phlebotomy may be a good career path for you. This career allows you to use your love of interacting with others and make a difference in their healthcare.

#### **Q: Will I be able to maintain a full-time job while in the Health Care Management program?**

Yes, but typically, students do better with a part-time position or not working at all while completing the clinical practicum portion of the program. This is due to the full time training schedule that is required to meet the required 160 hours of clinical practicum.

#### **Q: Is there an externship available?**

Yes, to complete the Phlebotomy Program, you are required to complete 160 hours of clinical training in a facility that Chattahoochee Tech has a clinical contract with. Students will train 40 hours a week for four weeks.

**Q: What do the clinical practicum sites require to be able to complete practicum training at their facility?**

Most of our clinical sites require documentation of immunizations for certain diseases such as but not limited to: Flu, COVID, MMR, Varicella, Hepatitis B, Tdap, and TB testing, as well as a background check and drug screen, and BLS certification through The American Heart Association.

**Q: Where do Phlebotomy Technicians work?**

Phlebotomists find employment in a variety of locations: hospital laboratories, reference laboratories, cancer centers, doctor’s offices, and blood donation centers.

**Q: Are there certifications available as a Phlebotomist?**

Yes, there several certifying bodies for phlebotomist, which include: ASCP (American Society of clinical pathologists), NHA (National Healthcareer Association), and AMT (American Medical Technologist) to name a few. Chattahoochee Technical College phlebotomists will be able to sit for the AMT exam.

**Q: How are the classes taught in the Phlebotomy Program?**

Classes are taught as a blended program with lectures online and on-campus labs and testing two days per week.

**Q: What is the salary of a Phlebotomy Technician?**

The [Bureau of Labor Statistics Website](https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/clinical-laboratory-technologists-and-technicians.htm#tab-5)<sup>1</sup> provides the average salary nationally and geographically for Phlebotomists.

**Q: What are the typical hours of a Phlebotomy Technician?**

Phlebotomist hours vary dependent upon the type of medical facility. In a hospital or reference lab setting, a phlebotomist may be scheduled to work five 8-hour days or four 10-hour days. These hours can fall during day, evening or night shifts as well as weekends. In a doctor’s office, it would most likely be during day hours only.

**Q: What is the dress code for the class?**

You are required to be wear royal blue scrubs as well as closed toed & closed healed shoes during the program and at the clinical rotation site.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/clinical-laboratory-technologists-and-technicians.htm#tab-5>