

Phlebotomy

About Our Program

Phlebotomy is not a program of study at Highland Community College; however, successful completion of the courses NURS 107 and NURS 108 provide the student the opportunity to be eligible to sit for the Registered Phlebotomy Technician (RPT) exam through the American Medical Technologist (AMT).

The phlebotomy technician course sequence prepares the learner to function as a member of the healthcare delivery team, performing the role of a phlebotomist. The phlebotomist generally works in a clinical laboratory under the supervision of the appropriate professional. He/she is responsible for collection procedures in both outpatient clinical and hospital inpatient settings for the purpose of laboratory analysis, including emergency and routine collection procedures from veins, skin puncture areas and arteries on patients of all ages. All students must achieve grades of "C" or above in theory and complete the appropriate clinical hours in order to receive a passing grade.

Nature of Work and Employment

The phlebotomist generally works in a clinical laboratory under the supervision of the appropriate professional.

Special Considerations

Students entering the health care professions (i.e. nursing, medical assistant, emergency medical technician, phlebotomist) must have a positive attitude about the importance of the work that they are being prepared to do. In part, a professional attitude involves personal integrity, the use of positive communication techniques, flexibility in regards to clinical assignments, and taking on a leadership role when necessary.

Physical Demands

The physical demands described below are representative of those that must be met by the student to successfully perform the essential functions of both the job requirements of a phlebotomist and the required clinical experiences of a student. While performing the duties of the class/job, the student is regularly required to stand; walk; use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; talk; and hear. The student is frequently required to sit, reach with hands and arms, stoop, kneel, crouch, and/or crawl. The student must regularly move up to ten pounds, frequently lift and/or move up to 25 pounds, and occasionally lift and/or move up to 100 pounds or more.

Admission Requirements

Must be completed prior to the first day of class.

1. Candidate must be at least 18 years of age.
2. Meet the required HCC admission requirements for the course.
3. Two-step TB test or equivalent.
4. Complete a criminal background check, disqualifying convictions, and waiver form.
5. Reading placement scores.
6. Complete program entrance exam.

Program Contacts

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Required Courses

6 Credit Hours

NURS	107	Introduction to Phlebotomy	2
NURS	108	Phlebotomy Techniques	4