



SOUTH
SUBURBAN
COLLEGE
Department of
**ALLIED HEALTH &
CAREER PROGRAMS**



Phlebotomy Program

PHLEBOTOMY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

As a member of the health care delivery team, the phlebotomist generally works in a clinical laboratory under the supervision of a clinical laboratory technologist. The phlebotomist is primarily responsible for collecting blood specimens from patients/clients for the purpose of laboratory analysis. The phlebotomy courses are designed to provide students with information about the health care delivery system, collection of materials and equipment, venipuncture and capillary puncture techniques, specimen transport and processing techniques, quality assurance and safety techniques, basic concepts of communications, and medical and legal implications of blood collection. Students will be required to complete 72 hours of classroom and 120 hours of clinical experience in a health care environment. A criminal background from a designated agent and/or a drug screen may be required to complete the internship course.

EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS

Phlebotomists work in a variety of health care settings such as hospitals, clinics, rehabilitation facilities, long-term care facilities, extended care facilities and industry. The employment prospects for phlebotomists are excellent. Salaries and benefits vary according to experience, ability and geographic location. Completion of the program does not guarantee employment. Essential functions of the phlebotomist require the ability to:

- Distinguish color
- Adequate use of hands
- Communicate In English
- Exercise good judgment
- Maintain positive work conditions under stress
- To stand for long periods and move freely in small spaces

APPROVAL/ACCREDITATION AND CERTIFICATION

The phlebotomy program is approved by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) located at:

5600 N. River Rd
Suite 720
Rosemont, IL
60618-5119
(773) 714-8880
<http://www.naacls.org>

Students who successfully complete the Phlebotomy Program are eligible to sit for multiple certification examinations:

- The American Medical Technologist (AMT)
- The Board of Registry, American Society of Clinical Pathologist (ASCP)
- The American Society of Phlebotomy Technicians (ASPT)
- The International Academy of Phlebotomy Sciences (IAPS)
- The National Certification Agency for Medical Laboratory Personnel (NCA)
- The National Phlebotomy Association (NPA).



SHORT-TERM CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Prerequisites – MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A “C” OR BETTER

Program Prerequisites

HIT 102 Fundamentals of Medical Terminology	1
BIO 115 Human Body Structure	4
(Biology must be completed in the last five years)	

Cluster 1

PHB 101 Phlebotomy/Health	4
HLT 105 Professionalism in Health Care	3
(You must hold a valid CPR card during the entire program)	

Cluster 2

PHB 102 Phlebotomy Internship	2
Total For Certificate	14

APPLICATION PROCESS

- New students please submit an SSC Application form and forward all high school/GED and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions.
- Submit the Phlebotomy Program Admission Application form to the Allied Health & Career Programs Department in Room 4457, by:

FALL

Admission August
June 1

SPRING

Admission January
November 1

If you are a first time SSC college student with no previous college credit you will be required to take a College Placement Test.

Please note that admission to South Suburban College does not necessarily guarantee acceptance to the Phlebotomy Program.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Students must have earned at least a grade of "C" or better in BIO 115 - Human Body Structure or an equivalent human anatomy course (BIO 185/186) and HIT 102 - Fundamentals of Medical Terminology. Please note that no student will be considered for admission to the Phlebotomy Program unless they have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 or better (A = 4.00).

ACCEPTANCE INFORMATION

Following the application deadline, students are selected based on the criteria below:

- GPA Completion or Prerequisite courses.
- Preference given to in-district students.





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**For more information regarding this
program contact:**

- **Allied Health Department Office at
(708) 596-2000, ext. 2204 or visit room 4469L**

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