

Phlebotomy

Phlebotomy is the collection of blood specimens using venipuncture and dermal puncture techniques. Phlebotomists are often the first member of the laboratory team that the patient encounters. For this reason, students considering a career in phlebotomy should possess good communication skills in addition to being able to perform technical procedures accurately and react professionally in critical situations.

Students who complete CLT 101 are qualified to work as phlebotomists in hospitals, outpatient clinics, commercial labs, blood centers, physicians' office labs, and others. Students who complete both CLT 101 and CLT 120 receive a basic vocational specialist certificate from ECC, and are eligible to sit for a national phlebotomy certification exam.

Policies and Procedures

Criminal background checks and drug testing are required for all health professions programs. Students demonstrating a positive background check or drug test will be denied admission to health professions programs. Students demonstrating a positive background check or annual drug test while enrolled in a health professions program will be dismissed from the program.

The standards, policies, and procedures of the phlebotomy program are published in the student handbook. Copies are available from the clinical lab office, HBT 191, Main Campus, or online at elgin.edu/phlebotomy.

Entrance Requirements:

1. High school graduate or equivalent.
2. COMPASS reading score of 85 or better or English ACT score of 20 or higher or grade of C or better in ENG 101.

Program Requirements:

Students must complete CLT 101 with a grade of C or better and receive a recommendation from the instructor to be eligible to continue in CLT 120. A completed medical form and proof of health insurance must be on file prior to beginning the clinical practicum. Students must provide their own uniform and transportation to and from the clinical site.

Recommended Courses:

Phlebotomy students who wish to continue their education in the clinical laboratory field or histotechnology should refer to pages 32 and 48 for career options.

CERTIFICATE CONFERRED:

BASIC VOCATIONAL SPECIALIST IN PHLEBOTOMY

First Semester

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Second Semester

*CLT 120 Clinical Lab Technology Practicum I1.5

*Students with one year of full-time phlebotomy experience may apply for proficiency credit for CLT 120.

• Although the course sequences as shown on this page are based on full-time enrollment, students may complete their course of study on a part-time or three-quarter time basis.

• The primary aim of these programs is to prepare students for immediate employment. However, many opportunities exist to include these courses in a bachelor's degree. See a counselor for information.

• Degrees and certificates are subject to change without notice. For the most current curricula, go to www.elgin.edu/academics.