

Phlebotomy Technician

INDUSTRY FACTS



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What does a phlebotomy technician do? Well, it's a lot more involved than just poking people. You'll be a critical

member of the medical team and play a vital role at the healthcare facilities you work in.

Here's what a typical day in your new life as a certified phlebotomy tech will probably include:

- Drawing blood from patients and donors for tests, transfusions, donations, or research.
- Calming people and perfecting the talent of inflicting more kindness and compassion than pain.
- Verifying patient and donor identity to ensure proper labeling of drawn samples.
- Labeling blood samples for testing and processing.
- Entering patient information into the facility's computer system.
- Assembling and maintaining medical instruments, like needles, test tubes, and vials.

Where do they work?

Certified phlebotomy technicians are needed in almost every type of healthcare facility coast to coast. You can work in hospitals, doctors' offices, urgent care centers, diagnostic laboratories, blood donor centers, and home health agencies, among other job options.



How much do they earn?

Of course, salaries vary by employer, geographic location, and experience. But the Bureau of Labor Statistics puts the median annual wage for phlebotomy technicians at \$36,320. So you can make a good living, and considering the nature of this business, you may also qualify for invaluable healthcare benefits. Further specializing and certifying in additional medical areas will increase your value to employers and improve your income opportunities.

How's the job outlook?

Becoming a certified phlebotomy technician is a great career choice. And it's getting even better because healthcare is one of the fastest growing industries in the nation. (Thanks to America's aging population and new healthcare laws.) Tons of opportunity exists right now nationwide. The BLS estimates that the demand for phlebotomists will increase 17% in the next 10 years.

"The (Phlebotomy Technician) program is very detailed yet easy to follow. The flow alone and the way the course is broken down makes it especially easy to absorb the material. I really feel lucky to have found CareerStep."

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PROGRAM DETAILS

Improve Your Life

When it comes to career training, you'll find a lot of posers out there. Con artists that'll try to impress you with fancy hyperbole. But through all the noise, the distinct sound of success can be heard. Your success. All it takes is a little push. A nudge in the right direction—and your whole life could change. New doors opened. New worlds discovered. And new opportunities explored.

Prepare for a Better Job

If you like helping people, then you'll love being a phlebotomy technician! Becoming a phlebotomy technician is a quick and affordable entry point into healthcare. It sets you up to move up and build a lifelong career in medicine.

Learn Your Way

With online training, you can absorb more knowledge and learn more skills—fast.

- Study on a schedule that fits your life
- Progress at a pace that matches your learning style
- Adjust the time and effort you devote to your coursework each day

Receive Coaching and Guidance

When you train with CareerStep, we back you every step of the way—from sign-up through course completion.

- Learner support
- Technical support
- Career support

Get Certified

We'll prepare you to take nationally recognized exams so you can explore greater opportunities in your area.

- **Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT)**
The nationally recognized validation of right-now readiness to safely perform phlebotomy from the National Healthcareer Association.

Program Outline

Course

Program Orientation

HealthCare Foundational Knowledge and Basic Science

Anatomy and Physiology

General Patient Care

Infection Control

Externship Readiness Skills

Testing and Laboratory Procedures

Patient Care Coordination and Education

Communication and Customer Service in the Healthcare Office

Phlebotomy

Medical Laws and Ethics

Career Success in Healthcare

Phlebotomy Final Exam

HIPAA Workforce Training

Initiating Your Externship

Clinical Externship

Program Completion

TOTAL HOURS: 365
325 Coursework, Simulations, and Experiential +40 Clinical Externship