

# PHLEBOTOMY

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## Job Description

Phlebotomists usually work under the direction of a lead phlebotomist or medical technologist. The phlebotomist collects blood specimens for analysis, checks the quality of the sample, and assumes responsibility for the safety and comfort of patients during the procedure. The phlebotomist must have sufficient venipuncture skills to collect blood from infants, children, adults, and the elderly or “hard to stick” patients. They must also be able to accurately perform skin punctures, blood culture collection, and other special laboratory tests. They may also have responsibilities in specimen handling and processing. Phlebotomists must have computer skills, communication skills, and an understanding of medico-legal implications. The job market for phlebotomists is excellent with many jobs available on various shifts in reference and hospital laboratories.

## Career Opportunities

- Hospital Laboratories
- Convalescent Homes
- Outpatient Collection Sites
- Independent Laboratories
- Toxicology Laboratories
- Surgery Centers
- Doctors’ Offices
- Clinics

## Salary Range

Median Hourly Wage.....\$17.16  
 Hourly Wage Range.....\$12.82 \$23.35  
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## Program Description

The CSN Phlebotomy Certificate of Completion program is a Selective Entry Program; therefore, the prerequisite requirements must be completed by the application deadline in order to be eligible for consideration.

An application for admission may be obtained online at: <https://at.csn.edu/sites/default/files/documents/phleb-application.pdf>. Students are required to take 3 courses consisting of 6 total credits. Courses include lecture, laboratory, and clinical practicum. Students successfully completing this course are eligible to take a national certifying exam.

Note: Students must attend a mandatory Phlebotomy Orientation.

## Approximate Costs

Tuition:	
6 credits X \$102.75.00 per credit hr.....	\$616.50
Books.....	\$65.00
Lab Fees.....	\$35.00/lab
Uniforms.....	\$50.00 - \$75.00
Physical Exam.....	\$50.00 - \$75.00
Medical Insurance.....	\$20.00 - \$190.00/month
<small>Applies only if you are presently uninsured</small>	
CPR.....	\$50.00 - \$75.00
Document Manager.....	\$45.00
Urine Drug Screen.....	\$30.00
Background Check.....	\$50.00
Immunizations.....	\$0 - \$600.00
Application for Certification.....	\$125.00
Nevada Licensure.....	\$60.00
College Admission Fee.....	\$20.00
<small>One time, non-refundable fee charged to new students only</small>	
Non-resident Fee.....	\$113.00 per credit
<small>This is in addition to the tuition and technology fee and is assessed to nonresident students enrolling in 1-6 credit hours.</small>	

## Essential Functions of a Phlebotomist

- Communicate effectively in written and spoken English with multiple stakeholders including, but not limited to, patients, families, physicians and other healthcare professionals.
- Interact professionally with individuals or groups from a range of social, cultural, emotional and intellectual backgrounds.
- Move freely and safely from one location to another in the clinical laboratory, patient rooms, and other healthcare environments. Ability to stand for long periods of time.
- Reach patients who are seated or lying in hospital beds. Move and manipulate patients as needed for the performance of laboratory procedures.
- Wear and tolerate personal protective equipment (PPE) as required.
- Perform with gloved hands, the gross and fine motor skills to: turn dials; move switches; process specimens; assemble blood collection equipment; tie tourniquets; perform blood collection techniques in smooth motion.
- Safely lift/push/pull up to 40 pounds.
- Abide by legal and ethical professional standards.
- Maintain confidentiality and other privacy requirements.

## Accepted Students

Students accepted into the program will be required to show proof of health insurance; immunization against Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis; a physical examination must be completed; an official background check is required; and proof of a negative TB skin test and a negative urine drug screen will be required prior to the first scheduled practicum/clinical experience.

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