

Phlebotomy

Certificate

DIVISION OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Fall/Spring: 8-week I Evening class, 8-week II Weekday clinical

Summer: 6-week I Evening class, 6-week II Weekday clinical

A phlebotomist is skilled in blood collection, and in the preparation of certain specimens for diagnostic laboratory testing as ordered by a physician. This is a one-semester program that prepares students for a career as a phlebotomist in various health care settings such as hospitals, physician offices, HMOs, surgical centers, and independent laboratories.

This program includes the profession's history; medical terminology; venipuncture; microsampling; special blood collection procedures; OSHA and safety procedures involving bloodborne pathogens; basic pre-analytical and post-analytical laboratory procedures and point of care testing; and electrocardiography procedures.

Course objectives and competency are accomplished through formal coursework, laboratory practice, and a clinical practicum. In the fall and spring semesters, the classroom portion takes place on Saturdays. The clinical practicum takes place Monday through Friday during daytime business hours. The program may be completed in one semester.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

High School diploma or equivalent, or Associate Degree or higher

Upon acceptance into the Phlebotomy program, students are expected to attend a mandatory New Student (program-specific) Orientation. Students in the program are required to verify certain immunization and health records and submit documentation thereof by published deadlines which are program-specific and determined by clinical rotation start dates. A complete list of the required immunizations can be found on Division of Health Sciences' web pages of the MassBay website by clicking the link, [Health and Background Check Requirements](#). Immunization requirements are in accordance with clinical site requirements and Massachusetts state law. If the student does not meet the initial published deadline, s/he will not attend the clinical rotation.

Proof of CPR certification is required for the program. The Healthcare Provider Card (from the American Heart Association) and the CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer Card (from the American Red Cross) are the only types of CPR certification that meet this requirement.

| COURSE | COURSE TITLE | CREDITS |
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| PB 100 | Principles & Methods of Phlebotomy | 3 |
| PB 105 | Clinical Practicum Phlebotomy | 4 |
| | credits: | 7 |
| | Total Credits: | 7 |

The student must complete the CORI /SORI (Criminal/Sex Offender Record Information) to authorize a search of conviction and pending criminal case information under Standard Required Level 1 by DCJIS (Department of Criminal Justice Information Services). The CORI/SORI completion process is part of the New Student Orientation. If there is a finding of criminal convictions or "open cases," the student will be ineligible to participate in the Health Sciences Program. A National County Criminal Background check will be conducted as part of the student's completion of the clinical requirements. More information is available on the [Division of Health Sciences](#) pages on the MassBay website.

Applicants to the Phlebotomy program are required to attend a recent information session. Times and dates for these sessions can be located at [Information Session Schedule](#)

More information is available on the [Phlebotomy](#) pages on the MassBay website.

PROGRAM FOOTNOTES

A grade of C or higher is required in all Phlebotomy (PB) courses. The clinical is completed with a pass/fail grade.