Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I need to improve my earlier study habits, so should I really try to go back to school?
A: Here at NPCollege, it is quicker to learn and easier to graduate and you can catch up in what you missed in earlier school, if need be.

Q: How do I know if becoming a Phlebotomy Technician is a right career choice for me?
A: Making a career decision is an important choice; NPCollege has qualified staff in admissions that can help you find out what is best for you.

Q: Will I get enough hands-on experience?
A: NPCollege provides you with plenty of practical experience as part of the classes that you take in order to fully prepare you for all the job duties you will have in this profession.

Q: Is there a demand for Phlebotomy Technician?
A: According to the California Occupational Handbook, "Phlebotomy Technicians are projected to be one of the fastest growing occupations over the 2012 - 2022 period".

Q: How does NPCollege prepare me for the work place?
A: NPCollege provides each student an externship where you can get real-world experience. In addition, NPCollege has a Career Services Center with an excellent placement history.

Student Testimonials

"I work a night shift and I like how NPCollege provide me with flexible hours from morning to evening class to get my work done."

"I really feel the support of my instructor and student services, I like that they are concerned with my success."

NPCollege is a fast-track career school that offers easy-to-graduate hands-on training that will confidently prepare you for today’s most demanding professions, leading to a happier, better future.

Create a happier, better future,
Learn a profession,
Be more successful.
Phlebotomy Technician Course
Phlebotomists have become an integral part in the health care industry as the demand for this profession has increased over the years. The most obvious factor for this increased demand is the expansion of health-care needs overall as the population continues to grow, and health insurance gradually becomes more accessible. More recently, doctors and nurses who typically practiced phlebotomy are now overwhelmed with other matters beyond the collection of blood. Thus, creating more opportunities for professionals willing to specialize in this area.

In addition to performing this function in a clinical setting, phlebotomists play an important role in the collection of blood for medical research as well as for casualty companies who offer life insurance policies. Individuals who plan to become professionals in the medical industry, often start as phlebotomists because it requires a short period of training, and because employment is relatively easy to find. Phlebotomy is considered a great way to try out the medical field.

MOD 1: DIDACTIC AND SKILLS
80 Hours didactic and skills training include:
• Basic anatomy and physiology of body systems, with emphasis on the circulatory system, and appropriate medical terminology
• Basic infection control, standard precautions and safety
• Blood collection equipment, types of tubes and additives, proper order of draw when additives are required, special precautions
• Proper identification of patient and specimens and importance of accuracy in overall patient care
• Anatomical site selection and patient preparation
• Blood collection process and complications related to phlebotomy
• Proper selection and preparation of skin puncture site, including selection of antiseptic
• Post puncture care, appropriate disposal of sharps, needles and waste
• Customer Service skills
• Federal regulations and regulatory agencies
• Advanced infectious disease control and biohazards
• Hemostasis
• Risk factors and appropriate response to complications that may arise from phlebotomy
• Knowledge of pre-analytical sources of error in specimen collection, transport, processing and storage
• Recognition of and corrective actions to take with problems in phlebotomy, test requisitions, specimen transport and processing
• Quality assurance in phlebotomy necessary to provide accurate and reliable laboratory test results
• Application of basic concepts of communication, interpersonal relations, stress management, professional behavior, ethics and legal implications of phlebotomy

MOD 2: CLINICAL EXTERNSHIP
80 Hours of practical training in a clinical setting which include:
• 50 hours of actual hands-on training under direct supervision and guidance of state-certified phlebotomists in ambulatory clinical rotations
• 50 venipunctures (5 pediatric venipunctures within 50 venipunctures) and 10 dermal punctures
• Observation of at least two arterial punctures

Clinical Duties include:
• Perform different techniques of blood collecting.
• Perform venipunctures on adults, infants and young children.
• Operate equipment used in the collection of blood and other specimens.
• Prepare complete and accurate reports on patient and blood draw status.

The program has been approved by the California Department of Public Health, granted specifically to train individuals in the techniques of the withdrawal of blood, including venipunctures and skin punctures, for the purpose of clinical testing.