

## PHLEBOTOMY CERTIFICATION

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Phlebotomy is the process of collecting blood samples for quality laboratory testing. Those who acquire these skills have a variety of career opportunities in healthcare settings. Our program includes 52 hours of quality classroom instruction and hands-on practice in phlebotomy and a 120 hour clinical externship.

Participants who successfully complete our program and meet the below stated requirements will be eligible to take a national certification exam through the American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP).



### COURSE DATES

Course lecture dates are listed below and participants are required to attend all ten days. Students must complete the lecture and lab portion with an 80% or higher to be eligible to attend the clinical externship. No course refund will be given to the students who do not proceed to the clinical portion.

**Aug 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, Sept 1, 3, 8, 10, 2010**  
**Wednesdays 9am-4:30pm & Fridays 9am-12pm**

### CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

***Yes, our program does offer a clinical rotation which is a vitally important component.*** Clinical assignments will be made with each participant during class. They will generally be 40 hours a week for a three-week block. Clinical time preferences may be requested but will not be guaranteed.

Clinical spots will generally be Monday through Friday during dayshift hours. Participation is **mandatory** for clinical days unless special arrangements are made with the instructor and the site has other options available. If a student does not attend the regularly scheduled dates, he or she will forfeit the opportunity to complete the clinical component of the course and thus will only receive a certificate for the Phlebotomy Training course. The student would also not be prepared to take the national certification exam.

#### **Clinical Rotation Dates (subject to change)**

1. Sept 20 – Oct 8, 2010
2. Oct 11 – 29, 2010
3. Nov 1 – 19, 2010
4. Nov 29 – Dec 17, 2010



## TO REGISTER:

Participants are required to apply for entrance into this program by attending an Informational Session. Please call **419-251-1865** to secure a **20 minute appointment**. You will be notified in writing if you are accepted into this course.

## COST

The course cost is **\$1895** with payment in full due by **July 1, 2010**. A minimum of a **\$500** down payment is due at the time of registration to hold your spot in the course. The textbook, all lab supplies, clinical arrangements, and liability insurance for the clinical experience are included in this fee. In addition, students are required to have a white lab coat or scrubs prior to their clinical experience. This is the responsibility of the student and may be purchased or borrowed as long as they are in good condition.

## FORMS & SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

It is requested that these forms be completed and turned into the Continuing Professional Education Secretary by **July 1, 2010**. Clinical rotation preference will be given to those who have these forms completed and turned in by this date. All requested documents must be completed by **August 11, 2010** unless special requirements have been made with the CPE department manager prior to this date. Failure to do so could result in the forfeit of the students' clinical rotation. No make-up clinical dates or course refund will be given.

- Applicants must possess a high school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent. A copy of this is required to the CPE department.
- Applicants must have a physical examination within the last year. A form will be provided to accepted students .

- Applicants must have documentation of immunizations as listed on the health form, and must test negative for a 2 step tuberculosis test before entering the program. A form will be provided to accepted students.
- Applicants must carry personal health insurance or write a note claiming personal responsibility for their health coverage. A copy is required .
- Applicants must be able to read and write, possess the needed manual dexterity to perform phlebotomy, and be able to lift up to 20 pounds.

## NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAM

If participants complete the following requirements they are able to take a national certification exam through the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP). Students may check the web site for dates and locations of the exam at [www.ascp.org](http://www.ascp.org). Taking the national exam is optional and not a mandated part of the course, thus all costs are in addition to course charge. Payment and exam registration is done directly with ASCP. In 2008 the cost was \$125 but this is subject to change. The mandate requirements for ASCP phlebotomy certification include:

- Complete 40 hours of didactic (lecture) coursework & orientation in a full service lab
- Complete 120 hours of clinical phlebotomy
- Successfully complete 100 draws including venipunctures and dermals

## QUESTIONS?

Contact Michelle at **419-251-1865** or [michelle.mcmahon@mercycollege.edu](mailto:michelle.mcmahon@mercycollege.edu)