

# PHLEBOTOMY



Drawing a person's blood may not seem like an important job until you are on the receiving end of a needle! Phlebotomists are trained to draw blood for various lab tests and procedures. Many patients are understandably anxious about having blood drawn, but a good phlebotomist develops the skills necessary to help patients relax and feel they are in competent hands. Let our Phlebotomy program be a first step in getting your foot in the health care door.

### Learning at Washburn Tech

Washburn Tech's phlebotomy certificate program was created in response to high area demand for trained phlebotomists. The onesemester, 11-credit-hour program is designed to prepare you to sit for the credentialing exam offered by the American Medical Technologist organization. This program replaces the current apprenticeship model of phlebotomy training utilized by area hospitals and provides a trained workforce for the medical community. Current on-the-job training requires a significant amount of time and resources from the hiring agency which often results in higher than average

turnover. As a result, this new model requires training to take place prior to employment. **Please note: this program is not eligible for financial aid, but scholarship opportunities are available**.

## **Job and Salary Outlook**

Employment opportunities for phlebotomists are expected to grow at a faster than average rate due to the increased demand for skilled laboratory professionals. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of phlebotomists is projected to grow 27 percent from 2012 to 2022, which is much faster than the average for all occupations. According to the Kansas Department of Labor, the average salary for an entry-level phlebotomist in Shawnee County in 2015 was \$11.06 an hour or \$23,008 annually. The average wage was \$13.62 an hour or \$28,330 annually.

### **Entry Requirements**

Students are required to meet the minimum score on an assessment test. Washburn Tech offers the ACT WorkKeys. A score of 4 in both Reading and Math is required. Other assessments or college coursework can be accepted in place of WorkKeys. Please see a recruiter for details. Students must complete an application and submit transcripts.

CERTIFICATIONS: REGIS. PHLEBOTOMY TECH OSHA-10 For more programs, enrollment and course schedule information, please contact Admissions.

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## **Course Descriptions**

**Medical Terminology:** introduces the language of the medical field; medical prefixes, suffixes and combining forms are introduced to the student so they may have a thorough knowledge and understanding of what they are reading and writing in the medical field; emphasis is placed on terms, pathological conditions and diagnostic terms

Lab Skills: covers the knowledge and practical application of basic laboratory skills with a focus on patient care; students learn and practice basic skills in personal care, sterile technique, patient safety, documentation and medication administration; includes major emphasis on the critical elements of laboratory procedures and the scientific rationale for performing the procedures correctly

**Phlebotomy:** designed to train individuals to properly collect and process blood and other clinical specimens for laboratory testing and to interact with health care personnel, clients and the general public; presentation includes equipment and additives, basic anatomy and techniques for safe and effective venipuncture; emphasis will be placed on collection techniques, specimen processing, work flow practices, referrals and utilizing laboratory information systems

Phlebotomy Clinical: a healthrelated work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills and concepts; direct supervision is provided by the clinical laboratory professional; course provides opportunities to practice phlebotomy skills in a clinical setting; safety, quality control and interpersonal communications will be stressed

**OSHA-10:** covers job/site safety and precautions for job/site hazards; learn the use of personal protective equipment (PPE); identify the safety equipment and procedures related to safe work practices and environment

CHECKLIST	
O Meet with recruiter	
□ Take entrance exam*	
Submit transcript(s)	
Pay enrollment fee *some exceptions apply	

## TOTAL 2017-2018 PROGRAM COSTS (ESTIMATED) - HIGH SCHOOL

Enrollment fee	\$20	
Tuition	FREE	
All other fees	\$530	
TOTAL	\$550	
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED CHARGES		
Tools/Books Estimate*	\$158	

#### TOTAL 2017-2018 PROGRAM COSTS (ESTIMATED) - ADULT

\$50		
\$1,386		
\$530		
\$1,966		
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED CHARGES		
\$158		

\* A list of required tools/books is on a separate sheet of paper and on our website, WashburnTech.edu. Students also will need to purchase supplies such as (but not limited to) pens/pencils, notebooks/paper, three-ring binder, etc. Students may purchase them at the vendor of their choice.

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