

Phlebotomist Technician NA 115 Requirements

Students **MUST** meet with an Allied Health advisor to discuss the Clinical Clearance Package prior to registering for this course.

NOTE: Allied Health courses typically have fees in addition to tuition expenses. These fees cover equipment and supplies necessary for the course. Additionally, students will need specific healthcare uniforms and shoes to participate in the course.

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Phlebotomist Technician

Phlebotomists primarily draw blood, which is then used for different kinds of medical laboratory testing. In medical and diagnostic laboratories, patient interaction is often only with the phlebotomist.



Because all blood samples look the same, phlebotomists must identify and label the sample they have drawn and enter it into a database.

Some phlebotomists draw blood for other purposes, such as at blood drives where people donate blood. In order to avoid causing infection or other complications, phlebotomists must keep their work area and instruments clean and sanitary.

Phlebotomists work mainly in hospitals, medical and diagnostic laboratories, blood donor centers, and doctor's offices.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2014-15 Edition*

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| General medical and surgical hospitals; state, local, and private | 40% |
| Medical and diagnostic laboratories | 26% |
| Other ambulatory health care services | 18% |
| Offices of physicians | 9% |

Education and Licenses

Phlebotomists typically enter the occupation with a certificate from a phlebotomist technician program. Programs for phlebotomy are available from community colleges, vocational schools, or technical schools.

NMSU-A offers NA 115 — the Phlebotomist Technician course, which is completed in one semester (16 weeks). The course has classroom, laboratory, and clinical portions and include instruction in anatomy, physiology, and medical terminology.



Upon successful completion of NA 115 the student is awarded Certified Phlebotomy Technician through National Healthcareer Association and is prepared to take the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Board of Certification Exam.

Almost all employers prefer to hire phlebotomists who have earned professional certification.

Job Outlook

The median annual wage for phlebotomists was \$29,730 in May 2012. The median wage is the wage at which half the workers in an occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less. The lowest 10 % earned less than \$21,340, and the top 10 % earned more than \$42,600.



Most phlebotomists work full time. Some phlebotomists, particularly those who work in hospitals and labs, are expected to work nights, weekends, and holidays.

Employment of phlebotomists is projected to grow 27% from 2012 to 2022.

Blood analysis remains an essential function in medical laboratories and hospitals. Demand for phlebotomists will remain high as doctors and other healthcare professionals require blood work for analysis and diagnoses.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2014-15 Edition*



If you would like more information on the Phlebotomy Technician Course offered by NMSU-A make an appointment to visit with an Academic Advisor.

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