

# Phlebotomy Technician

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

## About This Program

Phlebotomists\* are vital to the contribution of high quality patient care. As an essential part of a health care team, phlebotomists procure blood samples for laboratory analysis. Through direct patient interaction, a phlebotomists must be knowledgeable in areas such as body system anatomy and function and proper selection of equipment. They are skilled professionals that understand their role is crucial to patient care and the assurance of quality laboratory reports.

Phlebotomists typically do the following:

- Draw blood from patients and blood donors
- Talk with patients and donors to help them feel less nervous about having their blood drawn
- Verify a patient's or donor's identity to ensure proper labeling of the blood
- Label the drawn blood for testing or processing
- Enter patient information into a database
- Assemble and maintain medical instruments such as needles, test tubes, and blood vials

The Phlebotomy Technician program culminates in a Certificate of Completion and prepares students to sit for the National HealthCareer Association Phlebotomy Technician Certification (CPT) exam\*\*.

\* Individuals seeking to enter this career field may be subject to screenings such as, but not limited to, criminal background checks and drug/alcohol testing prior to externship, to attain occupational licensure/certification or employment, and throughout their careers.

\*\*Carrington College prepares students to take appropriate certification and licensure exams related to their individual majors. The College does not guarantee students will successfully pass these exams or be certified or licensed as a result of completing the program. Credential preparation varies by location.

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## General Education Coursework

This program does not have general education coursework.

## Technical Coursework

The program focuses on blood specimen collection and processing which includes body system anatomy and function, site selection, equipment and supplies, and pre analytical errors. The final segment of the program is a 100-hour externship that provides the opportunity for students to demonstrate skill competency in the field.

Total coursework for certificate of completion (credit hours)	4.5
Certificate Program Length	12 weeks (not including breaks)

Carrington's academic catalog, available at [carrington.edu/carrington-college/catalog](http://carrington.edu/carrington-college/catalog), provides the most current and detailed program information, including admission and graduation requirements.

Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. For the most updated information, visit [carrington.edu](http://carrington.edu).

## Careers in the Phlebotomy Technician Field

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Phlebotomists work mainly in hospitals, medical and diagnostic laboratories, blood donor centers, and doctors' offices. Phlebotomists who collect blood donations sometimes travel to different offices and sites in order to set up mobile donation centers. Carrington College does not guarantee employment, nor employment within specific locations or facilities.

## Knowledge and Skills

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Upon successful completion of the Phlebotomy Technician program, graduates will be able to:

- Competently collect, transport, and process blood specimens from various types of patients. (Practical but applied theory).
- Practice accepted standards for infection control, safety and disposal of biological waste as mandated by OSHA and other agencies. (Practical but applied theory).
- Demonstrate professional conduct and interpersonal communication skills with other health care personnel and the public.

## Accreditation, Approvals and Program Availability

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Carrington College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC), 10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949, 415 506 0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the US Department of Education. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at [accjc.org](http://accjc.org).

For comprehensive information on Carrington's accreditation, licenses and approvals, visit [carrington.edu/accreditation](http://carrington.edu/accreditation).

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The Phlebotomy Technician program is offered to new students at:

Boise, ID  
Reno, NV  
Tucson, AZ