



McLennan Community College
Phlebotomy Training Program and Occupational Skills Award in Phlebotomy

A phlebotomist is an individual trained to obtain blood specimens by venipuncture and capillary micro-techniques. The increased number of medical laboratory tests and their complexity have made phlebotomy a specialized area of clinical laboratory practice. In this role, the phlebotomist must have knowledge of the health-care system, anatomy, and physiology related to laboratory testing, specimen collection and transport requirements, documentation and patient care records, computer skills, and the interpersonal communication skills needed to help provide quality patient care.

McLennan Community College offers coursework in phlebotomy, specifically the phlebotomy class (PLAB 1323) and the phlebotomy clinical (PLAB 1260). Both classes must be completed with a grade of “C” or better in order to be eligible to take the American Society of Clinical Pathologist (ASCP) national certification exam in phlebotomy.

Upon the completion of the classes and then passing the certification exam, a certified phlebotomist can work in a variety of health-care settings. There are no academic prerequisites other than a high school diploma, but the class size is limited. The Medical Laboratory Technician/Phlebotomy Program also offers an Occupational Skills Award in Phlebotomy that is designed to be completed in one semester. In addition to the phlebotomy coursework, there are three additional classes to take to qualify for this award: Medical Terminology, Anatomy and Physiology, and an Introduction to the Clinical Laboratory Science.

After completing all five courses with a grade of “C” or better, students receive the Occupational Skills Award in Phlebotomy. All phlebotomy students must be admitted to the college and comply with the Texas State Initiatives requirements. PLAB 1323 is taught in a student laboratory/classroom on the MCC campus. PLAB 1260 is a clinical rotation that is overseen and arranged by the MLT/Phlebotomy Department. Students must complete a series of required immunizations, CPR certifications, and drug screen and criminal background check. Phlebotomy students can be assigned to either a major hospital facility, a small rural hospital or a clinic that is affiliated with the MLT/Phlebotomy program. A list of the MLT/Phlebotomy program affiliated sites is provided on the MLT/Phlebotomy webpage.



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