



Phlebotomy Certificate

Program Code:

PC

Academic Area:

Health Sciences

Type:

Certificate of Recognition

Program Statement

Students completing the two-semester Phlebotomy Certificate Program will be prepared to perform routine and special blood collection procedures as well as process specimens prior to testing in a modern clinical laboratory.

Program Information

There are two program options:

1. Traditional, two semester hybrid, offered in Fall River
 2. eHealth hybrid, offered in Taunton, 2 Hamilton St (Summer Semester) and New Bedford (Fall Semester)
- A consecutive three-week, 100 hour clinical practicum is an essential and required component of this certificate program. Clinical practicum hours are scheduled Monday through Friday during daytime hours. (see Clinical Affiliation below for details). Students should be prepared to travel one hour or more to an assigned clinical site.
 - A phlebotomist must demonstrate interpersonal skills, enjoy science, and enjoy working with the public.
 - Successful completion of program objectives is required to receive the Certificate of Recognition in Phlebotomy from Bristol Community College. Students who receive this certificate are eligible to take the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP-BOC) national certification examination.
 - The five year average ASCP-BOC pass rate is 100%.

Essential Functions

The Phlebotomy program essential functions include cognitive, physical and behavioral abilities which are necessary to perform the duties of a professional phlebotomist. In order to meet program and course learning outcomes, students must possess the following basic abilities:

- Cognitive ability sufficient to learn and use the body of knowledge necessary to meet the program curriculum requirements and attain career entry status in the profession.
- Physical ability, sufficient mobility and motor coordination to safely collect and process patient specimens, process specimens and use a computer.
- Visual acuity sufficient to read physician orders, obtain specimens, and differentiate colors.
- Hearing ability sufficient to respond to messages and requests from instructors, patients, physicians, and staff.
- Communication skills sufficient to allow for communication with instructors, staff, patients, and physicians.
- Emotional stability sufficient to interact professionally with instructors, staff, patients, and physicians, respect patient confidentiality, use reasonable judgment, and accept responsibility for their actions.



Admission Requirements

1. Applicants must possess a high school diploma or a state-approved high school equivalency credential.
2. All applicants must demonstrate a minimum grade point average of 2.0 overall in the following pre-admission courses:
 - Chemistry or biology (high school or college) with a minimum grade "C" (2.0) or higher.
 - Math (high school or college) with a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) or higher.
3. Attend one mandatory Health Science Information Session. Applicants are advised to preregister early as seating is limited.

Transcripts from attendance at other regionally accredited colleges and universities may be required with submission of your application. Please refer to the Admissions page within this catalog for further information. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in your application not being reviewed for the program to which you applied.

Students who exited the program before completion are eligible to reapply one time only through the Admissions Office.

Requirements Upon Admission

Accepted applicants must comply with Bristol Community College's health services requirements. This includes an annual physical examination, tetanus and tDap, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, and varicella (chicken pox) immunizations or titres results (blood test to prove immune status). Covid-19 vaccination and booster are required. If under the age of 21 you must also be tested for meningitis as of Fall 2018. TB testing is required each year. Additional immunizations may be required by clinical agencies.

Students must carry personal health insurance, professional liability insurance, and have current CPR certification (by the American Heart Association, Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers) or the American Red Cross (CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and Healthcare Providers). Certification must be active through your last semester at Bristol Community College.

Upon admission to the program, all students must undergo a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check, a Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI) check and a drug screen. The fee for the drug screen is paid for by the student. These checks are required due to potential unsupervised contact with children, the disabled, or the elderly during a clinical experience. Students found to have certain criminal convictions or pending criminal actions will be presumed ineligible for clinical placement. The College is authorized by the Commonwealth's Department of Criminal Justice to access CORI records. Sex Offender checks shall be performed pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 6, Sections 178C-178P.

Please be advised that although Massachusetts law permits the use of medical marijuana and the possession, use, distribution and cultivation of marijuana in limited amounts, any possession, use, distribution or cultivation of marijuana remains prohibited under College policy pursuant to federal law. Further, any student who tests positive for marijuana will be ineligible for clinical placement. Please refer to the College's Student Handbook for the College's complete Marijuana Policy.

For more information regarding the College's CORI/SORI check process, please contact the Human Resource Department at 774-357-3142.

A positive CORI/SORI and/or drug screen may prevent students from working in contracted health facilities, which will prevent students from completing the program objectives.



Additional Costs

Students accepted into the program are responsible for associated costs such as uniforms, name tags, random ten-panel drug test, safety supplies, transportation to and from clinical assignments and certification examination application fees.

Grade Requirements

- MED 101: Introduction to Clinical Laboratory Science includes 45 hours of lecture. A minimum grade of "C" is required in MED 101 to progress to PLB 102.
- PLB 102: Principles and Methods of Phlebotomy includes 45 hours of lecture/lab, plus 120 hours of clinical training following completion of the didactic and laboratory components. Students must achieve a minimum of "C" in the on-campus lecture and lab component of PLB 102 in order to progress to the clinical practicum component. A minimum grade of a "C" in the clinical practicum is required to receive a passing grade in the course and consequently in the program.

Clinical Affiliation

Students will be assigned to an affiliate agency for a 100-hour clinical practicum. The practicum is a consecutive three-week experience that is scheduled during the first shift (day), Monday through Friday. This is a full-time commitment during those three weeks (5 days per week, 8 hours per day for 3 consecutive weeks). Students enrolled in a concurrent program may not register for courses that will conflict with the clinical practicum. Students must plan their schedules accordingly. Transportation to clinical affiliation sites is the responsibility of the student. Students should be prepared to travel an hour or more from campus. The availability of clinical affiliations depends on the area healthcare providers' ability to accept students.

Program Requirements

Course #	Title	Credits
MED 101	Introduction to Clinical Laboratory Science	3
PLB 102	Principles and Methods of Phlebotomy	4
Total credits:		7