



Phlebotomy

Application review begins February 1.

Program Goals 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. A consecutive three-week, 120 hour clinical practicum is an essential and required component of this certificate program. Clinical practicum hours are scheduled Monday through Friday during day time hours. (see Clinical Affiliation below for details)

Program Information

- Two program options:
- Traditional, offered in Fall River
- eHealth hybrid, offered in New Bedford, 800 Purchase Street
- 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.

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 the course requirements, 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.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM

Admission Requirements

- Applicants must possess a high school diploma or a state-approved high school equivalency credential.



- Students applying to the program having earned a high school diploma must demonstrate a minimum grade point average of 2.0 overall in the pre-admission courses listed below.
- Students applying to the program having earned a state-approved high school equivalency credential must demonstrate a grade point average of 2.0 in the pre-admission courses listed below.
- 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.
- Transcripts from attendance at other regionally accredited college/universities may be required with submission of your admissions application. Please refer to the Admissions page within this catalog for further detail <https://catalog.bristolcc.edu/admissions> Failure to comply with these requirements may result in your application not being reviewed for the program to which you applied.
- Students are required to attend one mandatory health science information session during the year prior to anticipated admission (preregister well in advance as seating is limited). <http://www.bristolcc.edu/getstartedatbristol/admissions/healthsciencesadmissionrequirements/healthscienceinformationsessions/>

Requirements Upon Admission

- Accepted applicants must comply with Bristol Community College's health services requirements. This includes a physical examination, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, and varicella (chicken pox) immunizations or titres results (blood test to prove immune status). 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 includes 45 hours of lecture. A minimum grade of “C” is required in MED 101 to progress to PLB 102. PLB 102 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.
- Students are eligible to reapply one time only through the Admissions Office.

Clinical Affiliation

- Students will be assigned to an affiliate agency for a 120 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.
- Successful completion of program objectives is required to receive the Certificate of Recognition in Phlebotomy from Bristol Community College. Students who accomplish this achievement are eligible to take the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP-BOC) national certification examination.
- The three year average ASCP-BOC pass rate is 95%.

Program: Clinical Laboratory Science

Type: Certificate

Campus

Campus:

Fall River

Item #

Title

Credits

Program Requirements

Item #	Title	Credits
MED 101	Introduction to Clinical Laboratory Science	3
PLB 102	Principles and Methods of Phlebotomy	4



Total credits:

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