

PHLEBOTOMY - CERTIFICATE

Note: St. Catherine University will not be admitting students to this certificate program after Fall 2018.

Phlebotomists are healthcare workers who obtain and prepare quality blood samples for clinical laboratory testing. This testing provides physicians with valuable information about a patient's health status.

Phlebotomy students will earn a phlebotomy certificate in just one semester by completing the three-course competency-based program. Students will learn through a combination of classroom instruction, hands-on experience with student lab partners and clinical experience in a medical facility, where they will acquire the interpersonal and technical skills they need to succeed. Students will study the proper technique for sample collection and processing, as well as basic anatomy and physiology, medical terminology and the study of disease processes. And, students will review and discuss proper communication techniques, phlebotomist-client and co-worker relationships and medical and legal ethics.

The Minnesota Department of Human Services requires all students going into a clinical setting to undergo a criminal background check. Background checks are done within the first two weeks of class using the NETstudy background study administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Upon completion of the program, students will be awarded a certificate and will be qualified to work as a phlebotomist in healthcare settings. Phlebotomists have ample job opportunities in hospitals, clinics, laboratories, home healthcare and blood-donor agencies. Many of St. Kate's phlebotomy students find a job even before they graduate.

Upon graduation, students may become a phlebotomy technician (PBT) by passing the American Society for Clinical Pathologists (ASCP) certification examination.

St. Catherine University's Phlebotomy program is approved by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) located at 5600 N. River Road, Suite 720, Rosemont, IL 60018, (773) 714-8880. The program has been approved by NAACLS since 1987 - one of the first programs to hold this prestigious approval.

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This certificate is offered in the College for Adults only.

Curriculum

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| PHL 1020 | Phlebotomy Clinical Experience | 2 |
| PHL 1050 | Phlebotomy | 5 |
| IPE 1020 | Medical Terminology ¹ | 1 |
| Total Credits | | 8 |

¹ Must have been completed within the past five years to be eligible for transfer.