

Frequently Asked Questions: Phlebotomy w/Clinical



What is the course description?

Training in phlebotomy prepares you for a career in drawing blood, or provides health care professionals with an additional skill. There is an increasing demand for qualified phlebotomists in a variety of medical setting: hospitals, physicians' offices, and laboratories. This two-part course, approved by the ASCP (American Society of Clinical Pathologists Route 2), provides the knowledge and training necessary to earn national certification in the field. Students complete 44 hours of classroom instruction, followed by 120 hours of clinical experience at a medical facility located in Onondaga, Oswego, or Cortland County. Upon completion of the course, students are eligible to take the certification exam.

Classes meet in the evenings; clinical hours are during the day. Clinical placements are assigned in the order in which completed health forms are turned in, on a first-come, first-served basis. Only two missed classes are permitted.

How do I register for the course?

Registration is in-person only and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration occurs about one month prior to the start of the course. The registration date and location will be posted on the phlebotomy course description web page. Proof of a high school diploma or GED, proof of current medical insurance, and full tuition payment must be provided at time of registration. The class is limited to 18 students. Course refunds will be granted up to three business days prior to class start date.

What are the course pre-requisites?

In order to register for the course you must provide a copy of your high school diploma or GED and proof of current health insurance.

What is the course fee & do I need to pay when I register for the course?

The course fee is \$899. You must pay for the course at registration. We will accept cash, check or money order made payable to OCC, or Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit cards. The course fee includes the class textbook. This course is not eligible for financial aid.

Are there any additional fees?

Health forms will need to be completed by your physician prior to the start of your clinical experience. You may need to pay for a physical exam and/or immunizations. Also, if you sit for the certification exam, there is a separate fee charged by [American Society for Clinical Pathologists](#).

When and where can I complete my clinical experience?

Onondaga Community College maintains agreements with clinical sites in Onondaga, Oswego, and Cortland counties. Clinical experiences begin upon the completion of the 44 hours of classroom instruction. Clinical placements are assigned in the order in which the completed health forms are turned in. Clinical experiences are 120 hours. You have 2 ½ months from the start of your clinical assignment to complete the 120 hours.

Who is the course approved through?

The course is approved through the [American Society of Clinical Pathologists](#).

What type of certification will I be eligible for upon completion of the course?

Upon successful completion of the course and clinical experience you will be eligible to sit for the Technician Certification Exam in Phlebotomy through the [American Society of Clinical Pathologists](#). You do not automatically receive a certification as a phlebotomy technician upon completion of the course.

When do I take the certification exam?

Upon completion of the course and clinical experience, you will receive instructions and application for the ASCP Board of Certification for Phlebotomy Technician (PBT). You have five years from the date of course completion to apply for the certification exam. Students must complete the application and submit it to the [American Society of Clinical Pathologists](#). Onondaga Community College has no involvement in the certification examination other than submitting a Phlebotomy Structured Training Reference Form Route 2 to ASCP.

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