

Phlebotomy

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Hutchinson and Willmar Campuses

About the Program

The phlebotomy technician (phlebotomist) is an integral member of the medical laboratory team whose primary function is to collect blood samples from patients by venipuncture or other techniques.

You can earn your certificate in two semesters. During the first semester, you will learn theory, while in your second semester you will apply your knowledge with clinical time in assigned healthcare facilities.

Emphasized laboratory skills include:

- Phlebotomy
- Microscopy
- Point of care testing
- Electrocardiogram recording
- Spirometry
- Specimen collection
- Laboratory safety

As a phlebotomist you will facilitate the collection and transportation of laboratory specimens. Sometimes

you'll be the patient's only contact with the medical laboratory. The need to assure quality and patient safety mandates strict professional behavior and standards of practice.

Career Info

Phlebotomy technicians work in several settings:

- Hospitals
- Medical and diagnostic laboratories
- Clinics
- Other ambulatory healthcare services

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of phlebotomists is expected to grow by 23% between 2018 and 2028. For Minnesota, it is even higher at 27%.

Source: careerwise.minnstate.edu

Degrees and Certificates

Phlebotomy Technician
Certificate - 21 credits

Program Distinctions

- Hands-on clinical experiences in partner facilities
- Small class sizes for personal attention
- On-campus potential for advanced training as a medical assistant
- Expanded flexibility — program now available in Hutchinson as well as Willmar

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