PHLEBOTOMY TRAINING

UAF Community & Technical College offers a one semester course in phlebotomy that will prepare you to enter the workplace. The course is relatively short, and the job market for entry level phlebotomy technicians in the Fairbanks area is quite good. Starting pay is generally in the range of $13/hour. Entry level phlebotomists generally draw blood by venipuncture and dermal puncture, correctly label and document the blood draw, prepare the sample for processing or mailing, and occasionally run in-house tests on blood and urine. More advanced skills can be obtained through further training or on the job.

**Classes:**

The UAF CTC course is completed in one semester.

**HLTH 255: Principles and Methods of Phlebotomy and Phlebotomy Externship, 5 credits**

The first half of the course introduces the students to safe collection and handling of blood specimens by venipuncture and dermal puncture. Students also learn the structures and functions of the cardiovascular system. You will be expected to draw blood from your fellow students, and volunteer your arm to your fellow students.

The second half of the course the student will be assigned to a lab facility in the Fairbanks area that will involve 8 hours of introductory classroom work and 100 hours of supervised work on patients. Your schedule in the clinic will be worked out individually by your instructor, however, you must be available.

Following completion of this class, you are ready to apply for jobs in the industry. However, we strongly recommend that you contact Cathy Winfree RN, BSN at 455-2876 at UAF CTC to request that she complete the paperwork for the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) so that you can go online to register to take the computer exam for the ASCP PBT (Phlebotomy Technician) national certification (www.ASCP.org). After registering with the ASCP and paying the exam fee of $135.00 you will be able to go to Anchorage to take the exam after the 45 day ASCP waiting period. This national credential is important in making you more employable in a variety of healthcare facilities in all states.
Prerequisites:

The academic prerequisites are placement into ENGL 111x and DEVM F060 or Accuplacer score of 65 or above for reading comprehension and 48 or greater for math. You must also be physically capable of the work. In many facilities you will be bending over for substantial periods of time.

Students will be required to have a background check prior to their externship.

1st Aid & CPR certification required to register for the Phlebotomy class. The course is offered through our Community & Technical College campus, spring and fall semesters. The Red Cross, 456-5937, is another option.

Immunizations:

Your training and career in phlebotomy will involve exposure to human blood and body fluids. In the workplace, you will risk exposure to a variety of communicable diseases including bloodborne pathogens such as Hepatitis B and HIV. For your protection, and the protection of all of the other students, we want to insure that you are current on your immunizations, and that you are immune to Hepatitis B and chicken pox. Therefore, you must show evidence of the following immunizations before you will be permitted to enroll in HLTH 255.

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<td>Tuberculosis</td>
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Please note that it is not sufficient to show just your immunization records for Hepatitis B. Following your immunization series, you must have your blood drawn, and ask the lab to measure your antibody titer to Hepatitis B. If you have not yet had your immunizations for Hepatitis B, get started right away. The series of 3 immunizations takes 6 months to complete. You should then wait 2 months following your last immunization before having your titer checked. A small percentage of individuals do not convert to immune status, and will need to have additional immunizations.

If you have had an immunization to chicken pox, demonstration of your shot records will be sufficient. However, if you are immune to chicken pox because you had it as a child, you will need to prove your immunity by having your antibody titer checked in a blood sample.

If you are currently a student at UAF and have paid your Health Center Fee, the Center for Health and Counseling on campus will do the antibody titers for you free of charge. Please bring this list with you, and explain to them that you are gathering your documentation so that you can receive permission to enroll in the class.

You will not be granted permission to register until all your immunization records are received and those records properly document all the required immunities.
**Costs:**

The following are estimated costs of the required UAF fees for 5 credits, based on the FY 2014/2015 tuition ($174/credit) and fee schedule at UAF. Costs may vary depending on the particular situation of the student.

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**Estimated Cost** $1187.75

**National Exam through American Society for Clinical Pathology**

Application Fee for the exam is $135.00 and it can be taken in Anchorage.

National certification is highly recommended, but not required. The state of AK has no requirement for certification, and routinely employs our students after completion of HLTH 255. On the job training is available at some local facilities. The advantage of national certification is in pay, responsibility, and portability of credentials. The ASCP credential is respected across the country.

**If you have questions, please contact:**

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Phlebotomy Course Checklist

Thank you for your interest in the UAF Community & Technical College Phlebotomy course. We are pleased that you would like to be a part of this fast growing occupation. The phlebotomy course is competitive and it is important that you read through this packet and carefully submit a completed packet in order to be selected for the course. The following is a checklist that will help ensure that you are submitting the required documents:

- Application submitted
- Accuplacer scores submitted and placement at the ENGL F111x and DEVM F060 level
- First Aid/CPR card submitted (must be a current card)
- Complete Immunizations record (with titers) submitted

Please note that your application will be date stamped the date it is received and again the date it is reviewed as completed.

12 students will be admitted into the Phlebotomy course each semester and 3 students will be placed on the waitlist. The students admitted are on a first come first serve basis once the completed application has been approved.

You will be notified once your application is accepted and will be able to pick up the Special Permission form to register for the Phlebotomy class.

Please do not submit incomplete applications, as they will not be reviewed.
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION – PHLEBOTOMY PROGRAM

Name: _______________________________ Email Address: _______________________________

Student ID number: ________________ Home phone: ________________ Cell: ________________

Work phone: ________________________ Emergency Contact: __________________________

Mailing Address:
_________________________________________________________________________________
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_________________________________________________________________________________

Secondary Education:
_________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________
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Diploma: _____ or GED _____ Year_______
Name of High School City/State

Post-Secondary Education: (College, University, VoTech, Military)
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_________________________________________________________________________________
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Name of School City/State Degree/Year and/or credits
Accuplacer Test:
Date Taken:__________Math-pre Algebra Algebra:_______Reading:_______Writing:_______

Work History: Begin with the most recent position, includes volunteer work.
(A resume may be attached)

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