

# Phlebotomy

## Certificate

### **DIVISION OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

FALL/SPRING: 8-WEEK SATURDAY CLASS, 8-WEEK WEEKDAY CLINICAL

A phlebotomist is skilled in blood collection, and in the preparation of certain specimens for diagnostic laboratory testing as ordered by a physician. This is a one-semester program that prepares students for a career as a phlebotomist in various health care settings such as hospitals, physician offices, HMOs, surgical centers, and independent laboratories.

This program includes the profession's history; medical terminology; venipuncture; microsampling; special blood collection procedures; OSHA and safety procedures involving bloodborne pathogens; basic pre-analytical and post-analytical laboratory procedures, and point of care testing; and electrocardiography procedures.

Course objectives and competency are accomplished through formal coursework, laboratory practice, and a clinical practicum. In the fall and spring semesters, the classroom portion takes place on Saturdays. The clinical practicum takes place Monday through Friday during daytime business hours. The program may be completed in one semester.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

High School diploma or equivalent, or Associate Degree or higher

Upon acceptance into the Phlebotomy program, students are expected to attend a mandatory New Student (program-specific) Orientation. Students in the program are required to verify certain immunization and health records and submit documentation thereof by published deadlines which are program-specific and determined by clinical rotation start dates. A complete list of the required immunizations can be found on Division of Health Sciences' web pages of the MassBay website by clicking the link, "[Health and Background Check Requirements](#)." Immunization requirements are in accordance with clinical site requirements and Massachusetts state law. If the student does not meet the initial published deadline, s/he will not attend the clinical rotation.

Proof of CPR certification is required for the program. The Healthcare Provider Card (from the American Heart Association) and the CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer Card (from the American Red Cross) are the only types of CPR certification that meet this requirement.

The student must complete the CORI (Criminal Offender Records Information) form to authorize a search of conviction and pending criminal case information under Standard Required Level I by the

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PB 100	Principles & Methods of Phlebotomy	3
PB 105	Clinical Practicum Phlebotomy	4
	<b>credits:</b>	<b>7</b>
	<b>Total Credits:</b>	<b>7</b>

DCJIS (Department of Criminal Justice Information Services). The student must also complete the SORI (Sex Offender Registry Information) form. The CORI and SORI completion process will occur prior to the beginning of the clinical-practicum experiences. If a CORI and SORI Report is returned with a finding(s), it may or may not prohibit progression in a Health Sciences Program. A National County Criminal Background check will be conducted as a part of the student's completion of the clinical requirements.

Applicants to the Phlebotomy program are required to attend a recent information session. Times and dates for these sessions can be located at [Information Session Schedule](#)

More information is available on the [Division of Health Sciences pages](#) on the MassBay website.

### **PROGRAM FOOTNOTES**

A grade of C or higher is required in all Phlebotomy (PB) courses. The clinical is completed with a pass/fail grade.