

## **PHLEBOTOMY TECHNICIAN**

The Phlebotomy Program is designed to train individuals to collect blood for laboratory analysis necessary for the diagnosis and care of the patient. This one-semester program trains the phlebotomist to perform venipuncture, capillary puncture, and CPR.

This evening course is ideal for health professionals seeking to expand their current skills, for currently employed phlebotomists seeking certification, or for those interested in a profession in laboratory medicine. Other topics covered include medical terminology, laboratory safety, basic anatomy and physiology, quality assurance methods, and medicolegal issues of phlebotomy.

The clinical practicum, consisting of 120 hours of supervised clinical experience, is provided at regional medical affiliates, allowing participants to achieve proficiency in the health-care setting. Students must complete a minimum number of successful unaided collections before course completion. The practicum is not required for students who have been employed as phlebotomists for at least six months within the past five years, as documented by letter from their employer.

Affiliated health care organizations are Delta Regional Medical Center in Greenville, Greenville Clinic in Greenville, Greenwood Leflore Hospital in Greenwood, Grenada Lake Medical Center in Grenada and Northwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center in Clarksdale. Clinical assignments are at the discretion of the college.

Upon completion, students take a national examination to become a Certified Phlebotomy Technician.

### Legal Limitations for Employment as a phlebotomist:

According to Mississippi State Law, an individual may not be eligible for employment in a health care agency if the person has ever been convicted of a felony , or plead guilty to , or plead nolo contendere to a felony of possession or sale of drugs, murder, manslaughter, armed robbery, rape, sexual battery, sex offense listed in Section 45-33-23 (f), child abuse, arson, grand larceny, burglary, gratification of lust or aggravated assault, of felonious abuse and/or battery of a vulnerable adult.

### MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must:

- meet general admission requirements for technical students.
- be a high school graduate or have a satisfactory GED score.
- have a minimum ACT score of 18 (15 if taken before October 28, 1989) if entering college for the first time OR a minimum ACT score of 16 to 17 (12 to 14 if taken before October 28, 1989) and have completed at least 12 semester hours with a “C” average or better on courses approved by the Phlebotomy program faculty

- submit a signed, notarized Healthcare Criminal History Background Affidavit.
- have completed a biology course within the past 5 years, either in high school or college with a grade of “C” or better. This requirement may be waived for applicants who have been employed in a healthcare capacity providing patient care for at least 6 months within the past 5 years. A letter from the employer is required for this requirement to be waived.

#### PROCEDURE:

Applicants must have the following documents on file in the Health Sciences office by June 1 to be considered for admission to the fall class and by November 1 for the spring class.

- MDCC application for admission or readmission
- MDCC application to the Phlebotomy Program (Health Sciences Application packet).
- An official high school transcript from an approved high school or GED equivalency score
- An official college transcript, if college work has been completed
- Signed, notarized Healthcare Criminal History Background Affidavit

Students are encouraged to submit all parts of the application well in advance of the deadline. **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed for admission.**

#### SELECTION:

No applicant will be considered unless the minimum admission requirements are met. Requirements are based on ACT and transcript. All applicants are considered on a competitive basis. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the program. The number of applicants accepted is limited due to the nature of the program. Applicants will be notified by letter of their acceptance or non-acceptance to the program.

Admission is tentative based on:

- satisfactory completion of First Aid CPR (HPR 2211) taught during the phlebotomy program
- satisfactory background check (see Policy on Admission to Health Science Program)
- health evaluation form completed by a physician or nurse practitioner
- proof of Hepatitis-B vaccination, MMR vaccination and TB skin test
- acceptable pre-admission drug screen

#### STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Students who are accepted into the program must:

- attend a Health Science orientation session
- be aware that, in addition to the regular college fees, Phlebotomy Technician students will incur expenses for such items as scrubs, books, supplies, liability insurance, physical examination, Hepatitis B vaccination series, background check, and CPR certification and national certification examination fees.
- be responsible for their own transportation to the college campus and clinical agencies.

PROGRESSION:

Students are required to maintain a “C” average (grade of 75) or better in both academic and clinical aspects of the program to obtain course credit and receive a certificate of completion.

READMISSION OR TRANSFER:

Students seeking readmission to the program are considered on an individual basis according to health sciences readmission policies.

Due to the nature of the semester program, students are not eligible to transfer into the phlebotomy program.

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT:

“Mississippi Delta Community College complies with all applicable laws regarding affirmative action and equal opportunity in all its activities and programs and does not discriminate against anyone protected by law because of age, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, sex, handicap, or status as a veteran or disabled veteran.” The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Dr. Lynda Steele, Vice President of Administrative Services, Stauffer-Wood Administration Building, P. O. Box 668, Moorhead, MS 38761, 662-246-6558. The students’ contact is: The Center of Learning at 662-246-6251.

**MISSISSIPPI DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
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Standard Functions for Admissions and Progression

The following essential requirements provide descriptions of basic cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor requirements for successful Phlebotomy program completion. Applicants and students who cannot meet one or more of the requirements will be considered on an individual basis in terms of whether reasonable modification/accommodation can be made. Reasonable accommodations will be examined in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as the Essential Requirements for Admission and Progression.

In order to successfully complete the Phlebotomy, an applicant/student must be able to do the following:

Essential Observation Requirements

In order to perform phlebotomy duties, the individual must be able to meet the following requirements:

- **Vision** – The Phlebotomy Technician student must be able to read test order requisitions, discriminate colors, and record information.
  
- **Speech and Hearing** – The Phlebotomy Technician student must be able to communicate effectively and sensitively in order to elicit information. The student must be able to assess non-verbal communication and must be able to transmit the information to all members of the health care team.
  
- **Fine Motor Functions** - The Phlebotomy Technician student must manifest all the skills necessary to manipulate instruments and equipment. The student must be able to perform phlebotomy safely and accurately.
  
- **Psychological Stability** – The Phlebotomy Technician student must demonstrate the emotional health required for full utilization of the applicant’s intellectual abilities. The student must be able to recognize emergency situations and be able to take the appropriate action.

## PHLEBOTOMY

### One Semester Program

REQUIRED COURSES:	Prev. Taken	FALL ____	OR	SPRING __
<b>Phlebotomy Technician Program</b>				
*High school or college biology course	Bio course			
PBT 1113 Phlebotomy				
PBT 1122 Clinical Practice				
Electives Optional				
<b>Total Hours:</b>				
<b>Advisor Initials:</b>				
<b>Date:</b>				

Courses for respective programs must be completed in one semester in order to get credit.

Upon successful completion, students are eligible to take a national examination to become a Certified Phlebotomy Technician.

Students should consult the catalog of the university to which they plan to transfer for specific degree requirements.