



Degree Guide:

Phlebotomy Certificate

Program

[Phlebotomy \(MED\)](#)

Degree Type

Professional Technical Certificate

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Program Description

The Peninsula College Phlebotomy certificate is designed to prepare students for entry-level work in various healthcare settings. Medical Assistant-Phlebotomists are credentialed under RCW 18.360 perform capillary, venous, and arterial invasive procedures for blood withdrawal and other functions under the supervision of a health care provider.

MA-P credential holders may also perform CLIA-waived tests, moderate and high complexity tests with training, and electrocardiograms.

Application to the program is required. Applicants who plan to begin the program Fall Quarter must submit their application packet by 5:00 pm on June 1st of the preceding Spring Quarter.

Program Length: 3 Quarters

Program Code: PHLPHC45

Career Opportunities and Earnings

Graduates can expect to work mainly in hospitals, medical and diagnostic laboratories, blood donor centers, and doctor's offices and other outpatient clinics. The profession is in high demand, with 17% growth projected from 2019-2029 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. National certification may be required for employment in some states.

Potential positions include

- Forensic phlebotomist
- Lab assistant
- Medical assistant-phlebotomist

Wages often begin around \$19.89/hour or \$41,380/year per the BLS. Phlebotomists with advanced skills and experience can earn up to \$23.92/hour, or between \$39,410 to \$45,940/year in Washington State and the Pacific region.

For current employment and wage estimates, please visit and search for Phlebotomist: [bls.gov/oes](https://www.bls.gov/oes).

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- Function professionally in a legal and ethical manner as a Medical Assistant-Phlebotomist
- Use medical terminology correctly
- Effectively communicate with other healthcare team members, patients, and physicians



- Demonstrate proficiency with basic medical testing procedures
- Perform electrocardiograms accurately
- Follow laws and regulations regarding patient privacy and confidentiality
- Successfully perform capillary, venous, and arterial invasive procedures per protocols

Goals

- The program prepares students for phlebotomy jobs and a national phlebotomy credentialing exam
- The program teaches basic skills required for capillary, venous, and arterial blood withdrawal procedures
- The courses are based on recommendations from local employers and industry trends
- The Phlebotomy certificate is significantly more cost effective than most private and public schools

Program Prerequisites

Students entering this program should have good familiarity with computer software and hardware in the Windows or MAC environment. Placement test(s) will help determine placement level in math and English if not known. Previous coursework may also indicate placement level. Students will complete the Program’s application process in spring or summer quarters for subsequent fall quarter entry; entry codes are required to register for all MED courses.

Approximate Additional Costs

- Books, uniforms, equipment, supplies and miscellaneous fees (per quarter): \$150-\$300
- Tuition and fees: \$5,402.85 total based on 2024-25 [WA resident tuition rates](#) (additional fees may apply)
 - First quarter (15 credits): \$1,800.95
 - Second quarter (15 credits): \$1,800.95
 - Third quarter (15 credits): \$1,800.95

Sample Schedule

This sample schedule is provided as a guide for a full-time student starting in fall quarter whose goal is to earn a certificate. The typical student schedule is based on entering the program during the fall quarter, however some programs allow students to enter in the winter or spring as well. Since not all do, please confirm with an advisor whether this program must be started during a specific quarter or not.

First Quarter (Fall)

Catalog #	Course Title	Credits
HUMDV 120	Human Relations	3
INFO 101	Research in Health and Social Sciences	2
MED 102	Medical Terminology for Medical Assistants	5
MED 125	Introduction to Phlebotomy	5

Second Quarter (Winter)

Catalog #	Course Title	Credits
ENGL& 101	English Composition I	5
FA 180	First Aid for Healthcare Providers	1
MED 126	Intermediate Phlebotomy with Lab	9



Third Quarter (Spring)

Catalog #	Course Title	Credits
AMATH 121	Applied Math for Professional & Tech Programs I	5
MED 127	Advanced Phlebotomy with Externship/Capstone	10

Your personal educational plan will vary based on many factors including:

- The quarter you begin
- How many classes/credits you plan to take in each quarter
- Your math and English placement; Learn more about placement options by visiting the [Assessment and Placement website](#).
- If you start in our [Transitional Studies](#) program

Total Credits **45**