**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Technical Certificate Program (VA)
165 Hours | 8 weeks | Hybrid

*Days and Times:*
Monday through Thursday, 4:30pm to 10:30pm

This hybrid program is designed to prepare students for employment as Phlebotomists in blood banks, hospitals, clinics, and other medical facilities. Students will learn how to draw blood from patients in preparation for medical testing. As a Phlebotomist, you must work well under pressure, communicate effectively, and follow safety precautions.

**COURSES**

- Basic Healthcare Worker 90 Hours
- Phlebotomist 75 Hours

**PREREQUISITES**

Applicants who attend orientation and interview with this program counselor may enter the program during the next enrollment period. All students must complete a physical examination and immunization record prior to acceptance.

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**Distant/Hybrid Courses:**
Students enrolled in distant and/or hybrid courses should have daily access to a computer with internet and must have a valid email address that they check daily. Additionally, students should have all necessary hardware and software components required by their technology program or adult education course.
This hybrid program offers a sequence of courses that provide coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in the Health Science career cluster; provides technical skill proficiency, and includes competency-based applied learning that contributes to the academic knowledge, higher-order reasoning and problem-solving skills, work attitudes, general employability skills, technical skills, and occupation-specific skills, and knowledge of all aspects of the Health Science career cluster.

**PROGRAM CONTENT**

The content includes but is not limited to communication, leadership, human relations, and employability skills; performance of safe and efficient work practices in obtaining adequate and correct blood specimens by capillary or venipuncture on adults, children and neonates; maintaining the integrity of the specimen in relation to the test to be performed;

- Preparing Blood Smears
- Labeling Specimens
- Collecting Timed Specimens
- Blood Collecting Duties
- Emergency Procedures Including CPR
- Recording Specimens
- Delivering a Variety of Clinical Specimens
- Centrifuging Specimens
- Preparing Aliquots
- Distributing Samples to Labs
- Preparing Collection Trays for Specimen Procurement.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Nursing Home Facilities
- Retirement Communities for the Elderly
- Specialty Hospitals (except Psychiatric & Substance Abuse)
- Hospitals
- Clinics
- Medical Facilities

**INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION**

Students will be prepared to take an approved state and/or nationally recognized industry certification or licensure exam in their field of study.

**ARTICULATION**

Upon completion and meeting eligibility requirements, students may be awarded credits toward an Associate Degree by selected Florida State Colleges.

For additional information, call the program counselor/advisor at 754.321.5700.