



Phlebotomy, Certificate - 9 credits

Program Area: Health (Fall 2025)

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The Phlebotomy program does not require a separate application.

Program Description

The Phlebotomy certificate prepares students to work as a phlebotomist. The primary duties of a phlebotomist are to obtain blood specimens using various venipuncture and dermal puncture techniques, facilitate the collection of other clinical specimens, and to ensure timely and safe transport of specimens to the laboratory. Phlebotomists may also be required to process samples for the laboratory, use computers when collecting or receiving samples and to perform some waived laboratory testing within a very limited scope of practice.

Phlebotomy is an excellent first step into healthcare for students who are unsure of their long-term goals, but know they want to work in healthcare. MLTN 1574 is required for MLT students. Phlebotomy may also be beneficial for Radiologic Technicians, Nurses, and Certified Nursing Assistants.

Program Outcomes

- Comply with laboratory safety and compliance procedures and policies.
- Demonstrate organized work skills resulting in efficient time and material management utilization.
- Employ quality assurance techniques to monitor procedures, equipment and competency.
- Demonstrate standard specimen collection processes and practice.
- Model professional behaviors, ethics and appearance.
- Identify pre-analytical (specimen collection) variables affecting test accuracy and take appropriate corrective actions.
- Perform information processing functions in the clinical laboratory.
- Communicate verbally and in writing with colleagues and patients in a professional manner.

Qualified applicants should be aware that program class sizes are limited, which may delay acceptance into the program.

Pre-program Requirements

Successful entry into this program requires a specific level of skill in the areas of English and reading. Program entry will depend, in part, on meeting the prerequisites listed below.

English/Reading:

- Eligible for ENGL 1106 - College Composition I, or
- Completion of ENGL/READ 0950/0955 (or equivalent or higher). ENGL/READ 0950/0955, may not be taken concurrently with Semester I coursework.

There are other ways to qualify. Visit [Course Placement](http://lsc.edu/course-placement) (lsc.edu/course-placement) to find out more.

Required Courses

Course	Course title	Credits	Term
ALTH 1410	Medical Terminology	1	
ALTH 1440	Medical Ethics and Law	1	
MLTN 1574	Collection Skills	3	
MLTN 1518	Medical Laboratory Procedures	3	
MLTN 2577	Phlebotomy Internship	1	

Total Credits

9

Courses may require a pre-requisite. Refer to course outline or check with an advisor.

The Phlebotomy program works on a rolling admission, 8-week course schedule. MLTN 2577 may not be taken until all health and background information is complete and approved, and the student has passed MLTN 1574 and ALTH 1440 with a "C" or better.



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NOTE: Students must have proof of current immunizations and a current negative Tuberculosis (TB) screening. Background study approval is required from the State of Minnesota and/or Wisconsin. A national criminal background study is required. The cost of any immunizations, the TB test, and background studies are the responsibility of the student. Students are required to carry their own health insurance. Students are not required to complete CPR training, but completion of BLS CPR training is highly encouraged. All courses in the program need to be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

For more information about the Phlebotomy Certificate including course descriptions, course prerequisites, and potential career opportunities see the [program website](https://www.lsc.edu/degrees/phlebotomy-certificate/) (<https://www.lsc.edu/degrees/phlebotomy-certificate/>) or contact advising at 218-733-7601 or [professional advising team](mailto:advising@lsc.edu) (advising@lsc.edu)



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