

Phlebotomy Technician Program

Application Process

Website: <http://www.austincc.edu/health> (512) 223-5700 or toll free (888) 626-1697

Applicants are responsible for checking the Program website for any changes/updates in requirements.

If applying for College Credit: complete all of the following.

If applying through Continuing Education: complete all of the following except applying to the college.

Admission to the College

- Gain admission to Austin Community College; follow the instructions/process at <http://www.austincc.edu>
Visit a campus advisor or counselor to determine need for ACC assessment testing.
NOTE: Admission to Austin Community College **does not** guarantee admission to the **Phlebotomy Program**.
START IMMUNIZATIONS NOW!

Applying to the Program

- Review the Phlebotomy website and complete the online Information Session: See <http://www.austincc.edu/health/phb/infoession/introPhlebotomy.php>
 - Retain the **Informed Consent Form** and submit with your application.
 - Retain the **Verification Form** and submit with your application.
- Complete all program required immunizations. See <http://www.austincc.edu/health/immunizations.php> for information and form.
- Submit a Phlebotomy Technician application by: **priority deadlines are first week in June for fall; first week in October for spring; and first week in March for summer** with:
 - Proof of high school graduation or GED
 - Immunization documentation
 - Informed Consent form
 - Information Session Completion formApplications are accepted until the class is full.

Selection into the Program:

- New classes are admitted every fall, spring and summer. Fall and summer programs are taught only at Cypress Creek campus. Spring program is taught only at Eastview campus.
- The class is accepted based on the date the completed application is received at the Health Science Admissions Office.
- If a student has not accepted a position within 1 year from application date, a new application will be required.

Credit and CE classes are combined, so you will receive the **same training** and upon successful completion, you will be eligible to sit for the **same certification** exam.

Please note that to be compliant with clinical facility requirements, a mandatory **criminal background check** will be required prior to admission to the Phlebotomy Technician Program. As specific timelines must be met, **do not do this until instructed by the Program**.

Applications may be obtained/submitted to Health Science Admissions Office, Eastview Campus,
3401 Webberville Rd. Austin, TX 78702 (Building 8000, Room 8356)

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Phlebotomy Technician Certificate

The Phlebotomy Technician Certificate consists of lecture/lab (**PLAB 1323/1023**) and practicum (**PLAB 1166/1066**). This one-semester sequence of courses prepares the student to sit for the ASCP national certification exam and to work as a phlebotomist in hospital or clinical settings. These courses may be taken for college credit or through Continuing Education for non-credit.

Training includes skill development in the performance of a variety of blood collection methods using proper techniques and Standard precautions. The emphasis is on infection prevention, proper patient identification, labeling of specimens and quality assurance, specimen handling, processing and accessioning.

Clinical assignments are scheduled by the instructor from available dates/times/locations approved by the clinical affiliates. The schedule for clinical assignment will be provided during the next to the last week of PLAB 1323/1023. Students will be required to attend clinical assignments Monday through Friday during daytime hours. Eight hour days are preferred but shorter rotation days will be allowed with no less than four (4) hours per day during eight (8) week semesters and six (6) hour days during the short five and a half (5.5) week summer semester.

The Phlebotomy Technician Certificate program is nationally approved by National Accrediting Agency for Clinical laboratory Sciences (NAACLS). Their contact information:

National Accrediting Agency for Clinical laboratory Sciences (NAACLS).
8410 West Bryn Mawr, Suite 670
Chicago, Illinois 60631
(773) 714-8880

Austin Community College's Continuing Education Department offers an additional course: 'Basic Phlebotomy Skills'.

The Basic Phlebotomy Skills program is a 2-day (16 contact hours) course. Prerequisite: C.N.A. or equivalent experience and/or letter from employer. This course is offered periodically, about every two weeks and does **NOT** prepare a student to be employed as a phlebotomist. More information on this and other CE courses can be obtained at: 512-223- 7542 www.austincc.edu/ce/hpi