

PLAB 1323/PLAB 1023 Lecture/Lab Phlebotomy Technician Program Spring 2009

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Length of Lecture/Lab Component of the Program: 8 Weeks, January 20- March 15, 2008

Clinical Component will be completed during second 8 week semester, March 23- May 17, 2008

Classroom / Laboratory:

Lecture: 10:00- 12:00 am
Laboratory: 12:15- 3:15pm

Total Number of Hours: Total number of hours.....96

Classroom hours 32
Laboratory 64

Classroom: Eastview campus, room 9225

Course Website: <http://www.austincc.edu/mlt/phb/phb>

Blackboard On-Line: A considerable portion of this course will be conducted via the computer on-line Blackboard learning system. All students will be required to have an email address (updated in Blackboard) and are expected to use the computer to access course materials, learning activities, and exams on-line. Students who do not have access to home computers should be prepared to access all materials and take exams at a public computer which are readily available in the Austin area; including those in the Learning Labs and libraries at all ACC campuses. Before taking any on-line exams, students should verify that the computer they are using (and its internet access) will be available to them for the duration of the test.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The profession of phlebotomy is taught through didactic, student laboratory, and clinical experiences. The student will be trained to perform a variety of blood collection methods using proper techniques and precautions including: vacuum collection devices, syringes, capillary skin puncture, butterfly needles and blood culture specimen collection on adults, children and infants. Emphasis will be placed on infection prevention, proper patient identification, proper labeling of specimens, and quality assurance. Students will be taught specimen handling, processing and accessioning. Students will learn the theory and principles of CLIA waived laboratory tests and perform the tests in the student laboratory. The testing performed will include: manual hematomocrits, Urinalysis dipsticks, fecal occult blood, erythrocyte sedimentation rate and pregnancy testing.

COURSE GOALS

Upon completion of this program the student will successfully:

- A. Demonstrate knowledge of the health care delivery system and medical terminology.
- B. Demonstrate knowledge of infection control and safety.
- C. Demonstrate basic understanding of the anatomy and physiology of body systems.
- D. Associate the major areas and departments of the clinical laboratory with the laboratory tests ordered to evaluate a patient's pathologic condition or illness.
- E. Demonstrate understanding of the importance of specimen collection in the overall patient care system.
- F. Demonstrate knowledge of collection equipment, various types of additives used, special precautions necessary and substances that can interfere in clinical analysis of blood constituents.
- G. Demonstrate proper techniques to perform venipuncture and capillary puncture.
- H. Demonstrate knowledge of pre-analytical errors that can significantly alter results.
- I. Demonstrate understanding of requisitioning, specimen transport and specimen processing.
- J. Demonstrate understanding of quality assurance in phlebotomy.
- K. Demonstrate understanding of the basic concepts of communications, personal and patient interaction, stress management, professional behavior and legal implications of the work environment.

SCANS COMPETENCIES

Recently the U.S. Department of Labor established the Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills (SCANS) to examine the demands of the workplace and whether the nation's students are capable of meeting those demands. The Commission determined that today's jobs generally require competencies in the following areas.

1. Resources: Identifies, organizes, plans, and allocates resources
2. Interpersonal: Works with others
3. Information: Acquires and uses information
4. Systems: Understands complex interrelationships
5. Technology: Works with a variety of technologies

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is now requiring all degree plans in institutions of higher education incorporate these competencies and identify to the student how these competencies are achieved in course objectives.

In PLAB 1323/PLAB 1023, Phlebotomy, examples of SCANS competencies being incorporated are as follows:

COMPETENCY	EXAMPLE
Resources	Following Standard Precautions, performs vein and capillary puncture procedures using only necessary supplies and within a predetermined reasonable amount of time.
Interpersonal	Demonstrates an understanding of the profession of Phlebotomy thorough ethical behavior when dealing with patients and other members of the health care team, including maintaining a professional appearance to relieve patient anxiety and maintaining patient confidentiality.
Information	Record quality control results for basic CLIA waived laboratory tests performed and point out unexpected results to a supervisor.
Systems	Use problem-solving skills to troubleshoot basic equipment or procedures that do not fall within standards, take corrective actions or inform an appropriate supervisor.
Technology	Perform vein and capillary puncture procedures using a variety of methods and equipment including Vacutainer system, microcollection devices, Winged Infusion Set, and Syringe and needle.

METHODS OF PRESENTATION

1. Lecture and PowerPoint presentation
2. Discussion
3. Demonstration
4. Audiovisual materials
5. Laboratory Practice
6. Clinical practice

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Successful students are those who are highly disciplined, self-motivated, self-reliant and capable of working independently.

Essential functions, as distinguished from academic standards, refer to those physical, cognitive and behavioral abilities required for satisfactory completion of all aspects of the curriculum, as well as the development of professional attributes required by the program officials and clinical faculty of all students upon completion of the program. The essential functions consist of minimal physical, cognitive, affective and emotional requirements to provide reasonable assurance that students can complete the entire course of study and participate fully in all aspects of clinical training.

The Psychomotor Demands required include:

- Project a well-groomed, neat appearance.
- Physical abilities to move about freely and maneuver in small spaces, stand and/or walk for long periods, and access areas within the healthcare facility.
- Physical ability, including sufficient mobility and fine motor coordination, to manipulate phlebotomy equipment to safely collect and process patient specimens, maintain a safe, aseptic work environment, and accurately and safely operate a variety of laboratory equipment.
- Visual ability sufficient to discern colors and perform phlebotomy procedures.
- Visual acuity to read and interpret test requests and physician orders.
- Hearing ability to respond to messages from patients and staff
- Ability to operate computers.

The Cognitive Demands required include:

- Establish and maintain effective working relationships including working as part of a team.
- Accurately remember and apply oral and written procedures
- Maintains accurate records.
- Ability to exercise critical thinking skills to solve problems.

The Affective Demands required include:

- Interpersonal abilities sufficient to communicate in a professional, positive, tactful manner with patients, physicians, nurses, other health care and non-health care employees, and laboratory personnel.
- Ability to maintain patient confidentiality and to exercise ethical judgment, integrity, honesty, dependability, and accountability in the performance of one's laboratory responsibilities.
- Emotional stability to allow professional interaction with patients and staff, to respect patient confidentiality, use reasonable judgement and accept responsibility for actions.
- Ability to perform laboratory procedures accurately and quickly even under stressful conditions.
- Ability to exercise independent judgment and to think logically in the performance of one's duties.
- Ability to organize and to assume responsibility for one's work.

MATERIALS REQUIRED

1. Textbook: Garza, Diana; Becan-McBride, Kathleen, *Phlebotomy Handbook*, 7th edition, 2005, Appleton-Lange. (ISBN: 0131133349) ACC Bookstore On-line: <http://austincc.bkstore.com/>
2. Phlebotomy Lecture Guide, Laboratory Manual, Course Objectives/Outline, and Course Schedule- available on-line at the course Web site <http://www.austincc.edu/mlt/phb/phb> .
3. Scrubs - appropriately fitting and professional in appearance.
4. Gloves
5. 3 inch (or larger) binder with dividers, preferably 7 tabs.
6. Sharpie permanent marker, fine point, black or blue
7. Austin Community College Student Photo ID

MATERIALS RECOMMENDED

1. Garza, Diana; Becan-McBride, Kathleen, Phlebotomy Q & A Review, 6th edition, 2001, Pearson/Prentice Hall. (ISBN: 0131183265)
2. Medical Dictionary
3. Interpretation of Laboratory Testing

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS

1. Attendance Policy

It is the student's decision to take this class. Therefore, once the student makes this decision, he/she has responsibilities to everyone else in the community of learners. Excellent attendance and punctuality are key behaviors which demonstrate responsibility and commitment to a successful learning experience. It is this commitment to learning that will enable the student to progress satisfactorily towards completion of course goals and objectives. Additionally, we want the student to set a pattern of professional behavior which mirrors the attendance expectations in the true clinical environment.

Regular and punctual attendance is required at all lecture and lab sessions. Class roll will be taken during each class period.

Tardiness to class is strongly discouraged. Important announcements are made at the beginning of class which may not be repeated.

Notification of your absence, by phone or email must be provided to your instructor in a timely manner, preferably 30 minutes prior to class but within 2 hours of the class start time. Attendance demonstrates professionalism and regular and punctual attendance is the expectation in the professional workplace setting. Due to the nature of our courses, each class serves as a building block of knowledge for the next class session. Each student is responsible for making up all assignments, materials, examinations etc. when absent from class. All missed lab exercises must be completed to verify completion of the course objectives. Make-up exercises or alternative learning experiences will be planned according to the limits set by the instructor. However, the amount of credit awarded for the exercise, will be no greater than 80%.

Once a student has incurred 2 absences, for whatever reason, the progressive discipline policy will be initiated.

- a. Two absences- verbal conference with instructor that will define what policy is not being met, as well as set up an action plan with a follow up conference date.
- b. Three absences- conference report with instructor stating what actions will be necessary to avoid probation.
- c. Four absences- probation.
- d. Five absences - Withdrawal- terms of probation were not met. If this occurs past the time for withdrawal the student will receive an "F" for the course.
- e. Withdrawal is based on absences equal to or greater than 25% of the material. The attendance policy is subject to review and modification by department officials.

2. Dress Code

Students will be expected to attend class/laboratory and assigned clinical sites clean and neatly ***dressed in scrubs*** to present a professional appearance. Students not conforming to the dress code while in the classroom or clinical may be sent home at the instructor's discretion, and will be required to make up the time. Repeat violations will result in the student being placed on probation.

- a. Disposable lab coats will be provided and are NOT to be worn outside the laboratory area.
 - b. Appropriate footwear will be required in the campus laboratory and clinical settings. Closed-toe shoes (**no sandals or canvas shoes**) that are soft-soled, such as white leather-type tennis or similar shoes, must be worn in student laboratory.
3. Student's hair must be clean, neat and of a normal hair color. The hair must be drawn back if longer than shoulder length or hanging in the face. Male students must either shave regularly or if they choose to wear a mustache and/or beard, must keep them clean and well groomed. (No five o'clock shadows.)
 4. Students must bathe regularly to avoid offensive odor. In addition, students must refrain from excessive use of cologne, perfume, aftershave lotion, or makeup.
 5. Keep fingernails clean and at a reasonable length. Reasonable length is defined as 1/8" above the fingertips. Artificial nails are NOT permitted due to infection control issues. The CDC recommended in its hand hygiene guidelines published in Oct. 2002, that "health care personnel should avoid wearing artificial nails and keep natural nails no longer than one quarter of an inch long if caring for patients at high-risk of acquiring infections."
 6. Jewelry should be limited to wedding rings and a wrist watch. A conservative necklace that is kept close to the skin (not dangling) and conservative earlobe earrings (no more than one pair) that do not extend more than 1/2 inch below the earlobe are acceptable.
 7. Scrubs are required on campus and are the preferred attire in clinical.
 8. **Turn pagers and cell phones OFF or set them to MUTE.** It is very disruptive to the learning environment to have these devices go off during class. No CD or MP3 players, such as iPods or similar items, are to be used during class and/or laboratory sessions.
 9. Other clothing articles, hats, etc. that may present a safety issue or be disruptive to the learning process will not be allowed. Contact the course instructor if uncertain about the suitability of any item taken into the lab setting.

Additional Course Requirements

1. **Basic computer skills will be needed to successfully complete the phlebotomy courses.** BlackBoard, an online course delivery system, will be used for discussion, homework submission, taking exams and quizzes, and for enhanced course activities. The Blackboard site is accessed at: <http://acconline.austincc.edu> . Students should visit the "Student Guide - Getting Started with Blackboard" prior to the first class day. Note: Students are generally NOT uploaded into the course until the week before classes start. Students first assignments in Blackboard are to change their email address within Blackboard, and to post an introduction in the "Discussion Board" area.. **Following each class period, it will be the responsibility of the student to check for daily assignments.** These assignments can be found by logging into: http://www.austincc.edu/mlt/phb/phb_schedule.html. Once on this screen, click on the laboratory for that day's activity, then click on the Assignments button at the top of the page. The daily assignments can be found there.
2. Each student must have an email account. If you do not have Internet access at home a free email account can be obtained through Yahoo (<http://www.yahoo.com>). Yahoo accounts can be accessed from any computer connected to the Internet. Computers for student use are located on every ACC campus. Students should expect to conduct regular email communication with Program faculty via email. Students are expected to check their email account at least three (3) times a week and at least once during the weekend for important communications.
3. The "Environment of Care" exams (St. Davids Mandatory Education, & Safe Environment of Care Challenge Exam) as well as the "HIPAA Training Module" MUST be completed prior to attending the first clinical day. Any student not completing the training modules/exams cannot attend clinical. The modules can be accessed from the ACC Health Science Home Page located on the lower right side of the page at <http://www.austincc.edu/health/dmt.php>. All parts of the modules must be completed as presented. **After completing the HIPAA training the student must print out, sign and submit the "ACC Combined Confidentiality Form"**.
4. Completion of "Workplace Violence" module. Sign and return signature page to instructor. This module is available in Blackboard, see "Assignments", Workplace Violence Module. See course instructor if you have difficulty accessing this module.
5. All students accepted into the Phlebotomy Program must **have a physical examination**. A Health Data/Physical Exam form must be *submitted by the second week of class*. This must include documentation of a TB test that will be current (no more than one year old) during the clinical rotation. The demographic information, emergency contact, and verification of immunizations needs to be completed to meet the requirements for the Phlebotomy program. Go to <http://www.austincc.edu/health/dmt.php>
6. Only students with a clear Criminal Background check as defined by the ACC Health Science department may register for the course.
7. Each ACC campus offers support services for students with documented physical or psychological disabilities. Students with disabilities must request reasonable accommodations through the Office for Students with Disabilities on the campus where they expect to take the majority of their classes. Students are encouraged to do this three weeks before the start of the semester". Please refer to the Student Handbook at <http://www.austincc.edu/handbook/> "Services for Students with Disabilities" for complete information.

STUDENT EVALUATION

1. Measurement, Lecture

- a. Unit pretests (Exam Review Quizzes) will be given over previously covered lecture material **and** the accompanying laboratory exercises. These pretests must be taken before you take the appropriate examination and can be accessed on-line through Blackboard. They can be taken repeatedly and students must score of 70% on the pretest **before qualifying to take the major exam**. The scores from these pretests are averaged and worth 5% of the lecture grade.
- b. A minimum of four (4) written examinations will be given over lecture and related lab material to comprehensively assess student's knowledge of concepts, principles, techniques and procedures. These examinations will be given online through BlackBoard. **Students are expected to exhibit the highest level of ethical and honest behavior.** Students are expected to take all tests at the assigned time or will be given a grade of "0". **If a student misses one exam, the grade of the final exam will be averaged in the place of the missed exam grade. If any other exams are missed, grades of "0" will be given.**
- c. A comprehensive (all units, both lecture and lab) final exam will be given in class. **The score earned on the final exam MUST be within plus or minus 5 points of the students major exam grade average.** .
- d. Points will be awarded for completion of assignments listed in the discussion forum of BlackBoard: <http://acconline.austincc.edu> .
- e. MTS Training Modules: complete the following MTS Training Modules (access them at <http://www.medtraining.org>) The modules can be repeatedly taken, up until the deadline, and the student must score an 80% or better.
 1. Introduction to the Clinical Laboratory
 2. Biosafety
 3. Chemical Safety
 4. Electrical Safety
 5. Fire Safety
- f. Periodic review of your course notebook divided into the following areas: Syllabus, Schedule, Course Objectives, Lecture Guide, Laboratory Manual, Graded Lab exercises, and Graded Study questions.
- g. The lecture grade is worth 2/3 of the course grade and is calculated as follows:
 - a) Quizzes (class and exam review) 5%
 - b) Examinations = 45%
 - c) Final Exam = 40%
 - d) Participation in Discussion Forum = 5%
 - e) MTS Training Modules = 5%

1. Measurement, Laboratory Experiences - 1/3 of course grade

- a. Points are awarded for the successful completion of laboratory exercises as related to the specific objectives for each exercise.
 - b. Points are awarded for proper response to study questions / written assignments required for each laboratory exercise.
 - c. Points are awarded for the laboratory practical at the end of the semester. The practical is the comprehensive final exam for the laboratory component of the course.
 - d. The laboratory grade is worth 1/3 of the course grade and is calculated as follows:
 - a. Laboratory exercises and Study Questions = 75%
 - b. Laboratory Practical Exam = 25%
2. Grading:
- A = 90 - 100%
 - B = 80 - 89%
 - C = 70 - 79%
 - D = 60 - 69%
 - F = 59% or below

SAFETY AND HEALTH INFORMATION

Health Insurance

The College does not provide personal health insurance coverage for students. All Health Sciences students are encouraged to carry some type of personal health insurance. Information about health insurance is available at: <http://www.austincc.edu/ehs/insurance>

Medical Professional Liability Insurance

Medical professional liability insurance is required for each Health Science student enrolled in a clinical course with patient contact. This insurance is purchased automatically through Austin Community College registration fees collected each semester.

Accident Insurance

The student accident policy provides insurance coverage only while participating in specified laboratory/clinical classes. It does not extend to accidents involving automobiles and incidents outside the laboratory/clinical/classroom.

Accident Procedures

- Provide first aid for the student sufficient to get the situation under control.
- If the accident occurs on campus, campus police are notified.
- The ACC faculty member responsible for the course in which the student is injured ***must be notified immediately of the incident.*** The faculty member or designee will immediately go to the clinical site or meet the student at the emergency room or physician office.
- If it appears that a physician should see the student, they may choose to see their own physician, go to a minor emergency center, or be transported to a hospital. The student can

pay the bill at the time of treatment or assign benefits and request reimbursement from ACC's insurance company.

- The injured student will use the designated claim form. All components of the claim form must be completed. The completed form must contain the signatures of (1) the faculty/supervisor, and (2) the student/claimant and submission of an **itemized medical bill** before reimbursement will be made. Refer to the MLT Student Handbook.
- Forms are available at:
<http://accweb.austincc.edu/accforms/forms/HZCM004studentaccidentclaim.pdf>

Blood and Body Substance Exposure

Students who experience an exposure to any potentially infectious materials (needle stick, mucous membrane, or non-intact skin) or airborne inhalation require specific follow-up. It is the responsibility of the individual to report the incident to the faculty and seek medical evaluation/care as soon as possible (preferable within one hour). Faculty will ensure that copies of the appropriate insurance forms will be made available to the students prior to their first clinical experience.

LABORATORY REQUIREMENTS

- A. It is the responsibility of the student to prepare for each lecture/laboratory session. Laboratory exercises must be read prior to attending the laboratory period to provide the student with the basic understanding of what will be expected of him/her during the laboratory session. A quiz may be given to test laboratory concepts.
- B. Each student is responsible for his/her own work and for the cleaning up of their work station.
- C. Blood, urine, and other biological specimens possibly containing pathogenic organisms will be collected and used in this course, therefore, ***the following precautions must be observed:***
 1. Eating, drinking or smoking will not be permitted in the laboratory. ***Avoid putting objects in your mouth.***
 2. Wash your hands before leaving the laboratory for any reason. Proper hand washing is essential in preventing the acquisition and spread of potentially harmful organisms.
 3. Disinfect work area thoroughly after each laboratory session.
 4. Cover spills with paper towels, soak thoroughly with disinfectant and wait 15 minutes before cleaning it up.
 5. All accidents are to be reported immediately to the laboratory supervisor/instructor

STANDARD PRECAUTIONS

Since medical history and examination cannot reliably identify the infectivity of all patient's blood

and body fluids, precautions against exposure must be followed for all patients. The concept of Universal Precautions was first introduced in 1987 by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) to decrease the occupational risks of blood-borne diseases such as Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and hepatitis B to healthcare workers. Further modifications were made later and the name for this policy was changed to "Standard Precautions". The application of these precautions is continually evolving; all body fluids must be handled with the same precautions as blood.

- A. Use barrier protection (gloves, mask, gowns, lab coat, face shield) as necessary to prevent skin and mucous membrane contamination with blood or other body fluids.
- B. Gloves **must** be worn when
 1. cuts, scratches, or other breaks in the skin are present.
 2. performing phlebotomy or capillary blood collections.
 3. anytime it appears that contamination of the hands may occur.
 4. cuts, scratches, or other breaks in the skin are present.
 5. performing phlebotomy or capillary blood collections.
 6. anytime it appears that contamination of the hands may occur.
- C. Change gloves after **each patient contact** or when visibly contaminated with blood.
- D. Wear a mask, eye glasses, goggles, or face shield during procedures that are likely to generate droplets of blood or other body fluids to prevent exposure of the mucous membranes of the mouth, nose or eyes.
- E. Wear a fluid-resistant gown, apron, or other covering when there is a potential for splashing or spraying of blood or body fluids onto the body.
- F. Wash hands or other skin surfaces thoroughly and immediately if contaminated with blood or other body fluids.
- G. Wash hands immediately after gloves have been removed even when no external contamination appears to have occurred. Organisms on the hands multiply rapidly in the warm moist environment within the glove.
- H. Handle laboratory instruments such as needles and scalpel blades, with extreme caution.
 - I. Place used needles, disposable syringes, skin lancets, scalpel blades, and other sharp items into a **puncture-resistant** biohazard container specially designed for this purpose for disposal. The container should be located as close as possible to the work area. Phlebotomists should carry puncture-resistant containers with them on the phlebotomy tray.
- J. Needles **must never** be recapped, purposely bent, cut, broken, removed from disposable syringes, or otherwise manipulated by hand. The *needle safety device* must be activated IMMEDIATELY upon removal of the needle from the vein.
- K. Exudative lesions or weeping dermatitis should be covered with an occlusive dressing to prevent contamination.
- L. All specimens of blood and body fluids should be put in well-constructed containers with secure lids to prevent leaking during transport. Care should be taken when collecting each specimen to avoid contaminating the outside of the container and the laboratory form accompanying the specimen.
- M. Fill evacuation tubes, vials, and bottles by using their internal vacuum only. If a syringe is used, *the fluid should be transferred to an evacuation tube by using a safety transfer device* attached to the syringe, puncturing the tube stopper then allowing the correct amount of fluid to flow slowly into the tube along the wall. If a safety transfer device is not available the tube should not be held when puncturing the top, place the tube in a test tube rack, Styrofoam cup or some other suitable holder. Puncture the diaphragm of the rubber stopper and allow the vacuum of the tube to fill the tube. NEVER force blood into evacuation tube by exerting pressure on the syringe plunger.

- N. Decontaminate all laboratory work areas with an appropriate chemical germicide after a spill of blood or other body fluid, and when work activities are completed. Laboratory counter tops should be disinfected at least once per shift.
- O. Rinse off all body fluids from reusable contaminated equipment prior to reprocessing according to the institution's policies.
- P. Pregnant laboratory workers are not thought to be at greater risk of infection than others in the laboratory. However, if an infection does develop during pregnancy or the mother is a carrier prior to the pregnancy, the infant is at risk of infection by perinatal transmission. therefore, pregnant laboratory workers should be especially aware of Standard precautions.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Each ACC campus offers support services for students with documented physical or psychological disabilities. Students with disabilities must request reasonable accommodations through the Office for Students with Disabilities on the campus where they expect to take the majority of their classes. Students are encouraged to do this three weeks before the start of the semester"

PHYSICAL RISK STATEMENT

Students with a temporary physical problem/limitation (i.e., broken bones, back injuries, recent surgery, etc.) may be admitted to, or choose to continue in the Phlebotomy Program. If a student chooses to stay in the Program, he/she understands and agrees that excessive absenteeism or inability to perform necessary duties related to the learning objectives and health care delivery can result in the necessity to discontinue the Program. It is the student's responsibility to obtain, and provide to the instructor, written permission to take part in all course functions from a physician during the period any physical problem / limitation is present. The College is not responsible for any exacerbation of this problem which occurs as a result of the student's continued participation in the Program.

Interactions with clients in the health care system carry inherent risks to both the client and caregiver, including, but not limited to, communicable diseases. In this document, as well as in the curriculum, students will be given information regarding known risks for various diseases and provided skills to implement precautions appropriate to these risks. All students are expected to provide appropriate care to all clients assigned to them in any health care setting as a learning experience. These assignments may include clients with medical diagnoses of tuberculosis, hepatitis, AIDS, or other infectious diseases.

Further more, the student understands that participation in this Program exposes the student to certain risks of illness, injury or infectious contact. The College will not be held responsible for any illness or injury, or infectious contact which occurs during the participation in the Program. The student's signature on the Statement of Understanding page is an acknowledgment of this policy.

PROMOTION, FAILURE AND/OR DISMISSAL FROM THE PROGRAM

- A. A minimum grade of "C" (70%) is required in PLAB 1323/PLAB 1023 to be allowed to register for PLAB 1166/1066 Phlebotomy Practicum.
- B. A minimum grade of "C" (70%) is required in both the didactic (PLAB 1323/PLAB 1023) and the clinical / practicum (PLAB 1166/PLAB 1066) courses to be awarded the certificate of completion and be eligible to take the national certification examinations.
- C. Students must successfully complete the classroom and clinical components of the course to receive a certificate of completion. The awarding of the certificate is not contingent upon a student passing any type of external certification or licensure examination.
- D. Any student may be withdrawn from the program for excessive absences (see Attendance Policy), and/or consistently failing to meet class assignments, disruptive conduct during lecture or laboratory, or for displaying conduct detrimental to the ethics of phlebotomy, failing to meet minimum competency levels in the clinical component, for violating patient confidentiality/HIPAA violations or violating policies and procedures outlined in the ACC Student Handbook <http://www.austincc.edu/handbook/policies4.htm> .
- E. Acts prohibited by the College for which discipline may be administered include scholastic dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating on an exam or quiz, plagiarizing, and unauthorized collaboration with another in preparing outside work. Academic work submitted by students shall be the result of their thought, research or self-expression. Academic work is defined as, but not limited to tests, quizzes, whether taken electronically or on paper; projects, either individual or group; classroom presentations, and homework" (<http://www.austincc.edu/handbook/>). Violation of the policy may result in probation or immediate dismissal from the program. The Program Director and faculty will evaluate the incident and follow the Progressive Discipline Policy established by the Health Science division.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CLINICAL PRACTICE

- A. Phlebotomy students must carry liability insurance which will be automatically purchased as part of the payment of the registration fees.
- B. Phlebotomy students must comply with both Texas law and clinical facility requirements related to immunization and testing. Please visit <http://www.austincc.edu/health/immunizations.php> for complete information. Documentation of a TB test performed within the last 12 months or, if positive, physician documentation by chest x-ray, must be submitted.
- C. ***Regular and punctual attendance on all clinical days is required.*** Absences or tardies from clinical for reasons other than health or emergencies will not be tolerated.
- D. **Service Work Policy** - Phlebotomy Technician students are not expected to perform service work and are not allowed to be scheduled in place of qualified staff during the clinical rotation.

SUGGESTED AUDIOVISUAL PROGRAMS LIBRARY

- A. Avoiding phlebotomy-related lawsuits c2004
Cypress - QY25 B33 2004
Eastview - QY25 B33 2004
- B. Basic venipuncture
Cypress - QY25 B31 2004
Eastview - QY25 B31 2004
- C. Blood Collection: the Difficult Draw
Cypress - RM172 .B675 1992
Eastview - WB 381 B6556 1993
- D. Blood Collection: the Pediatric Patient
Cypress - RJ286 .B566 1990
Eastview - WB 381 B6552 1990
- E. Blood Collection: the Routine Venipuncture
Cypress - RM172 .B56 1989
Eastview - RM172 .B56 1989
- F. Blood Collection: Special Procedures
Cypress - RM172 .B665 1991
Eastview - WB 381 B6555 1991
- G. Bloodborne and airborne pathogens
Cypress - RA642.B56 B53 2005
South Austin - RA642.B56 B53 2005
- H. Handwashing
Cypress - RC64 .H35 1997
- I. Laboratory Safety and Infection Control
EVC - WA 485 L123 1990
RGC - Q183.A1 L336 1990
- J. Preventing preanalytical errors c2004
Cypress - QY25 B32 2004
Eastview - QY25 B32 2004
- K. MTS Training modules available online at: <http://www.medtraining.org/> .

Statement of Understanding

I have read the PLAB 1323/1023 Phlebotomy course syllabus, understand and agree to abide by the policies, procedures and requirements within. My initials next to each of the following statements indicate my complete understanding of the course requirements.

Initials ↘

- _____ Course Objectives
- _____ Course Goals
- _____ Essential Functions
- _____ Service Work Policy
- _____ Attendance Policy will be STRICTLY enforced
- _____ Dress Code
- _____ Policies, procedures and requirements for the classroom, laboratory, and clinical, with special emphasis to those referring to safety.
- _____ Additional requirements: use of BlackBoard, E-mail requirements, completion of EOC and Workplace Violence training.
- _____ Evaluation and Grading Criteria for Lecture and Laboratory.
- _____ Requirements for Promotion, Failure and Dismissal

Signature

Date

Printed Name