

# PHLEBOTOMIST/PHLEBOTOMY TECHNICIAN

Phlebotomists are specially trained to draw blood samples needed for laboratory testing. They must create an atmosphere of trust and confidence while skillfully collecting blood specimens in a safe and reliable manner. In addition to collecting specimens, they maintain collection areas and equipment and perform record keeping duties.

## Where do phlebotomists work in Alaska?



Phlebotomists work in medical laboratories in hospitals, for-profit laboratories, clinics, nursing homes, public health facilities, and associated healthcare industries. In rural Alaska, phlebotomists are employed in hospitals, subregional clinics, physician's offices, and other medical laboratory settings.



## Hourly Wage Range\*

**\$12.51-\$23.18 (Mean \$17.41)**

\*based on Alaska DOL data for Healthcare Support Worker



## Years in School: 2 years or less

\*after high school graduation

## Educational Requirements

Education requirements vary. However, the minimum education requirements are a high school diploma (or equivalent) and acceptable phlebotomy training or work experience.



## Academic Programs in Alaska

University of Alaska Anchorage

Contact: Heidi Mannion Phone: (907) 786-6924

Web site: [www.uaa.alaska.edu/ctc/programs/alliedhealth/medt/](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/ctc/programs/alliedhealth/medt/)

UAA offers an Occupational Endorsement Certificate for Phlebotomists. Students are qualified to sit the national certification exams for phlebotomists after completing the phlebotomy practicum.

University of Alaska Fairbanks

Contact: Marsha Sousa Phone: (907) 455-2867

Web site: <http://www.tvc.uaf.edu/programs/health/>

UAF's one-year Phlebotomy certificate program meets accreditation for Phlebotomy Technician programs. A student who earns the certificate in Phlebotomy will satisfy the training requirements to sit for the ASCP (American Society of Clinical Pathologists) national certification examination for Phlebotomy Technician (PBT).

Career Academy

Web site: <http://www.careeracademy.edu>

Certifications are awarded by a number of professional associations. Further contact information is listed under National Contacts section.

## National Contacts

National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences

Web site: <http://www.naacls.org/>

National Credentialing Agency for Laboratory Personnel

Web site: <http://www.nca-info.org/>

National Healthcareer Association

Web site: <http://www.nhanow.com>

American Society for Phlebotomy Technicians

Web site: <http://www.aspt.org/>

National Phlebotomy Association

Web site: <http://www.nationalphlebotomy.org/>

American Society for Clinical Pathology

Web site: <http://www.ascp.org/>

American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science

Web site: <http://www.ascls.org/>

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