

Program Description: The Phlebotomist Certificate is one of the I-BEST options that provides both basic education and workforce skills. Students who successfully complete this certificate are prepared to work as phlebotomists in clinical workplaces.

Prerequisites: Many classes have prerequisites. Prerequisites are those classes that prove eligibility for entry-level classes by testing or by having satisfied prior course work. Course work earned at other institutions must be unofficially evaluated or approved by a program advisor before registering.

Phlebotomy Technician Certificate Prerequisites:

- Attend a Phlebotomy Technician information session
 - Non-native English speakers – CASAS test scores in Reading and Listening. The CASAS test must be taken by all non-native English speakers with a minimum score of 230 in reading and listening required. English placement tests must be taken within the last 6 months.
 - Native English speakers – College transcripts showing completion of ENGL 097/098 or equivalent or higher, with a minimum grade of 2.0.
- OR**
- Native English speakers who have not completed ENGL 097/098 or equivalent or higher – CASAS test scores in Reading and Math with a minimum score of 230 in reading required. English placement tests must be taken within the last 6 months.
- AND**
- High School diploma or GED
 - Completion of an on-site writing sample related to the Phlebotomist Certificate program. This will be completed at the information session.
 - Ability to read, write and speak English proficiently.
 - National Background check
 - Proof of up-to-date immunizations

Note: Advanced placement testing, work experience, and transfer of credits may result in course waivers, credit transfer, and advanced placement.

To complete the program a 2.0 grade is required in AHE 118 and AHE 119.

Program Requirements		
Course Number	Certificate Requirements (12 credits)	Credit Hours
AHE 118	Introduction to Phlebotomy I	5
AHE 119	Introduction to Phlebotomy II	7
	Optional (2 credits)	
ABE 049 or ESL 059	Basic Education Support Course ESL Support Course	2
		Total Credits: 12-14 (excluding pre-requisites)

Program Outcomes:

- Explain the function and structure of the capillaries, veins and arteries, and identify the names and locations of the veins suitable for venous and capillary blood collections.
- Demonstrate safe and effective use of equipment and supplies used for blood collection and specimen transport.
- Demonstrate a knowledge of government and industry standards related to the collection of blood.
- Demonstrate effective communication skills with patients related to the collection of blood.
- Successfully complete blood collection training, which is required, prior to becoming licensed as a Medical Assistant – Phlebotomist, in the State of Washington.

What Skills do I need to be successful in this field?

- Match laboratory requisition forms to specimen tubes
- Dispose of contaminated sharps, in accordance with applicable law, standards, and policies
- Draw blood from veins by vacuum tubes, syringe, or butterfly venipuncture methods
- Dispose of blood or other biohazard fluids or tissue, in accordance with applicable laws, standards, or policies,
- Draw blood from capillaries by skin puncture, such as heel or finger stick methods
- Clean and sterilize equipment.
- Create an atmosphere of trust and confidence with patients while explaining procedures, taking blood pressure, pulse and respirations readings, and drawing blood specimens in a skillful, safe and accurate manner.

What are some potential job titles?

- Phlebotomist
- Lab Assistant
- Patient Services Technician

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- Median annual wage is \$35,400 in Washington’s King County (\$17.00/hour)
- Employment growth is projected at 2 percent in Washington from 2012 to 2022
- Pathways include Medical Assistant, Clinical Lab Assistant

Course Sequence: This program of study is outlined by quarter and courses are taken in the sequence indicated below. The program is currently offered fall and winter quarters.

1st quarter: AHE 118

2nd quarter: AHE 119

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Program Website: <https://northseattle.edu/certificates/i-best-phlebotomy-certificate>

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who have completed these program, and other important information, please visit our website at <https://northseattle.edu/about-north/gainful-employment-information>.