



## Healthcare Technician: Phlebotomy Program

The following are some frequently asked questions about the **Healthcare Technician: Phlebotomy** program.

- **How many courses must be completed in this program?**

Six courses in total: Four courses on-line, one face to face class (PLAB1223), and one three-week clinical rotation in Phlebotomy (PLAB1263).

- **How long is the program?**

The program can be completed over the course of two or three semesters.

- **Are classes available on weekends or evenings?**

The Phlebotomy class: PLAB1223 is offered on Saturdays (8am to 4:30pm) during the Flex 1 session (8-weeks) of the fall, spring, and summer semesters. The exception is a 16-week PLAB1223 class offered in the spring semester primarily for Medical Laboratory Technician students (Thursday, 7am to 11am).

- **Are classes available on-line?**

Four courses in the Healthcare Technician: Phlebotomy program are only offered on-line.

- **Must students complete the classes in any particular order?**

The only required sequence of classes is that students must first take PLAB1223 followed by PLAB1263 in the same semester. It is recommended that students then take PLAB2470 in the semester immediately following, which best prepares students to take the American Society for Clinical Pathology/ASCP Phlebotomy Blood Technician/PBT national certification examination. The other recommendation is that students first take HITT1305 (Medical Terminology I) before submitting an application to the Healthcare Technician: Phlebotomy program.

- **Where are the clinical sites located?**

Most of the clinical sites are located in the San Antonio Metropolitan area. There are also clinical affiliates in the cities of Hondo, Kerrville, New Braunfels, Floresville, Uvalde and Seguin.



- **What is the deadline for applications?**

Applications are accepted year round for each of the three semesters (fall, spring and summer). The program application deadline will be six weeks prior to the start of the next semester (i.e. July 15, November 30, April 30). However, students may take HITT1305 at any time of the year. The maximum number of students accepted in the Healthcare Technician: Phlebotomy program per semester is **15 students per semester**.

- **What is the job market like?**

There are numerous openings for both phlebotomists and medical laboratory technicians locally and nationwide. The national vacancy average for laboratory technicians (which includes phlebotomists) is twelve percent and is expected to increase through the year 2025.

- **What are the starting salaries?**

In the San Antonio area, starting salaries are on average \$12 to \$15 per hour.

- **Are there any certification or licensing requirements?**

In Texas, there are no licensing or certification requirements to begin a career in Phlebotomy. However, most hospital and outpatient laboratories do prefer employees that are nationally certified as a Phlebotomy Blood Technician/PBT by the American Society for Clinical Pathology/ ASCP. Students are not eligible to sit for this national certificate examination until they successfully complete the curriculum of the Healthcare Technician: Phlebotomy program and graduate with the Level 1 Certificate.

- **What is the cost per semester for this program?**

Please refer to the Alamo Colleges District tuition and fee schedule page: <https://www.alamo.edu/admission--aid/paying-for-college/tuition-and-fees/> for the most current process. Please note: on the tuition schedule there is a special tuition fee of \$350 for two semesters for students enrolled in the Healthcare Technician: Phlebotomy program.



**Estimated In-District Program Expenses for SPC Healthcare  
Technician: Phlebotomy Level 1 Certificate**

**First Semester:**

Course Tuition: \$495  
Course Fees: \$15  
Other Campus Fees: \$25  
School supplies (including textbooks from Amazon): \$300  
**Approximate Total: \$835**

**Second Semester:**

Course Tuition: \$693  
Course Fees: \$21  
Other Campus Fees: \$25  
School supplies (including textbooks from Amazon): \$225  
Special Tuition: \$350  
Health Insurance: Varies  
Criminal Background Check: \$55  
Drug Screen: \$35  
HIV Test: Free – go to a STD clinic for screening  
CPR Training: \$80  
Program Scrubs: \$75  
Immunizations (Metro Health)- requirements will vary depending on person: \$1200  
**Approximate Total: \$2759**

**Third Semester:**

Course Tuition: \$396  
Course Fees: \$12  
Other Campus Fees: \$25  
Special Tuition: \$350  
**Approximate Total: \$783**

**Approximate Total Cost for Program: \$5212**