

# Phlebotomists



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*Phlebotomists collect blood samples for doctors and other healthcare professionals. In school, you will study the anatomy and physiology of blood and blood vessels, puncture techniques and sanitation procedures.*

If you are interested in a career assisting doctors and aren't afraid of blood, a career as a **phlebotomist** may be for you.

**Phlebotomists draw blood from patients of doctors and other healthcare professionals that will be used for lab testing.**

## Are You Ready To...?

- Reassure and provide emotional support to a patient who is afraid of needles
- Using sterilized instruments, puncture patients' skin to draw blood for lab testing
- Organize and sterilize instruments and specimen tubes to ensure that the equipment is safe and the right sample is matched with the right patient

## It Helps To Be...

Emotional strength and stability are crucial to the job as you will need to reassure patients who are fearful of needles.

## A Day In The Life...

- Match laboratory requisition forms to specimen tubes.
- Dispose of blood or other biohazard fluids or tissue, in accordance with applicable laws, standards, or policies.
- Dispose of contaminated sharps, in accordance with applicable laws, standards, and policies.
- Draw blood from veins by vacuum tube, syringe, or butterfly venipuncture methods.
- Dispose of biohazardous material

## Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area

**Median Hourly Wage: \$14.74**

*That comes out to more than  
\$30,660 a year.*

**In 2016, we had  
576 Phlebotomists.  
By 2026, we'll need 750.**

*Could you be one of the 174?*

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## After High School...

Many employers look for phlebotomists with at least a **high school diploma**.



## Top 5 Industries for Phlebotomists

1. General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
2. Medical and Diagnostic Laboratories
3. Other Ambulatory Health Care Services
4. Offices of Physicians
5. Specialty (except Psychiatric and Substance Abuse) Hospitals

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## Related Majors

- Biochemistry
- Clinical Laboratory Science
- Forensic Chemistry
- Molecular Biology

## Related Industry Certifications

- Blood Banking—BB or SBBT
- Certified Medical Laboratory Assistant
- Certified Office Laboratory Technician
- Certified Phlebotomist
- Certified Phlebotomy Technician
- Donor Phlebotomy Technician
- Histotechnician
- Pathologist Assistant

## Related Careers

- Nurse Aide
- Registered Nurse
- Medical Assistant
- Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technician

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