

PHLEBOTOMIST TECHNICIAN - CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

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Upon successful completion of the course, the student has met the requirements for eligibility to test through the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) to become a Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT).

The Certificate of Achievement in Phlebotomy prepares students for employment as a Phlebotomist Technician and includes skills with a bio-psychosocial-cultural approach to client care. The coursework includes class and lab practice prior to practice in the clinical setting consisting of phlebotomy, pre and post analytical considerations, safety and lab maintenance, basic point of care testing and the associated specimen testing. **The certificate requires successful completion of NA 115 Phlebotomist Technician.** Clinical requirements for successful completion of the course consists of 100 hours of "hands-on" practice, 100 successful venipunctures, 20 capillary punctures in a healthcare facility laboratory. In order to be eligible to participate in the clinical setting, students are required to successfully pass a background check through the New Mexico Department of Health Caregivers Criminal History Screening Act and be granted employment clearance prior to clinical assignment and participation. Successful coursework completion requires a grade of "C" (grade score of 80%) or better, a grade of pass on all skills checklists, a final exam grade of 84% or better, 80% average of clinical/lab, and completion of all assignments. Successful completion includes 100% attendance for class, lab, and clinical time. Upon successful completion of all coursework, a student has met all requirements for eligibility to test through the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) for certification as a Phlebotomist Technician.

A grade of C or better is required.

Total Credits Required for Certificate: 6

Prefix	Title	Credits
NA 115	Phlebotomist Technician	6
Total Credits		6

Note: A Certificate of Achievement is a program of study less than 16 credits. The certificate provides employment related and/or career enhancing skills necessary to succeed in a job or chose field of study. Please see an advisor concerning financial aid eligibility for Certificates of Achievement.