



Health Sciences Career and Academic Pathways (CAPs) Program Map: Certificate of Achievement for Phlebotomy Technician

Total number of units: 16.5 units

Top Code/Academic Plan: 1205.10

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Semester 1	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	HLTHOCC 062	Skill Set For The Health Care Professional	2		
Program Course	HLTHOCC 063	Basic Medical Terminology, Pathophysiology and Pharmacology for The Healthcare Professional	2		
Program Course	HLTHOCC 064	Cultural and Legal topics for Health Care Professionals	1		
Program Course	HLTHOCC 065	Fundamentals for The Health Care Professional	2.5		

Total Units 7.5

Semester 2	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	HLTHOCC 067	Basic Phlebotomy	2	Requires a prerequisite.	
Program Course	HEALTH 011	Principles of Healthful Living	3		
Program Course	HLTHOCC 068	Advanced Phlebotomy	2	Requires a prerequisite.	

Total Units 7

Semester 3	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	HLTHOCC 069	Phlebotomy Practicum	2		

Total Units 2

Degree Path and Requirements:

This map is a suggested term-by-term sequence of courses to complete the program in a recommended time frame. This is an efficient and recommended plan, but actual plans may vary by individual student need. This map cannot replace a meeting with [counselors](#). Students can apply for certificates as soon as the necessary courses are completed. Meet with a counselor and the financial aid office to ensure continued financial aid. Check with [financial aid](#) for eligibility.

Department Advising Notes:

The department recommends that students meet with an Academic Counselor during the course of this program, to plan for course and program completion.

Program Description

Certified Phlebotomy Technicians (CPT) and Limited Phlebotomy Technicians (LPT) are allied health professionals who perform skin puncture and venipuncture blood collection in a laboratory, hospital, blood donor center or physician's office. This certificate program includes basic and advanced lectures and skills lab training on topics such as infectious disease control and bio-hazards, coagulation theory, specimen handling and routing, special collections and procedures, routine venipuncture and arterial blood collection, complications of venipuncture, blood collection in special populations, professional issues on quality control and legal issues in phlebotomy. Phlebotomist training, according to California law, must be obtained in a phlebotomy program approved by the California Department of Public Health.

Career and Transfer Opportunities

Phlebotomists primarily draw blood, which is then used for different kinds of medical laboratory testing. In medical and diagnostic laboratories, patient interaction is sometimes only with the phlebotomist. Because all blood samples look the same, phlebotomists must carefully identify and label the sample they have drawn and enter it into a database. Some phlebotomists draw blood for other purposes, such as at blood drives where people donate blood. In order to avoid causing infection or other complications, phlebotomists must keep their work area and instruments clean and sanitary. Sample of reported job titles: Certified Medical Assistant (CMA), Lab Liaison Technician, Laboratory Assistant (Lab Assistant), Laboratory Technician (Lab Tech), Medical Lab Assistant, Mobile Examiner, Patient Service Technician (PST), Phlebotomist, Phlebotomy Technician, Registered Phlebotomist. Salary Range: \$15.33/hr - \$29.75/hr or \$31,900 - \$61,890 annually.

Visit the [Transfer Center](#) for transfer information, which varies based on transfer college. Make an appointment with a [counselor](#). Students can visit [Career and Job Services](#) for career counseling and further exploration. For additional resources, students pursuing a certificate can visit the [American Job Center of California](#) on ELAC main campus.

Youtube Videos

[You Belong at East Los Angeles College](#)

Program Map

A suggested sequence of classes to complete a degree, certificate, or program of study. Students should consult an academic counselor for variations to this plan based on part-time or full-time status, transfer plans, pre-requisites needed, etc.

Prerequisite Course

A specific course that must be completed before advancing to the next course.

Check the online catalog at elac.edu for the latest and most accurate information.

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