

Essential Requirements for the Phlebotomy Program

The accrediting agency (NAACLS) requires that all prospective students review the following Essential Requirements (Essential Functions) as part of the admission process to the Phlebotomy Program at the Community College of Philadelphia.

The Phlebotomy student will be able to:

1. Move freely and safely about the laboratory and other work areas.
2. Characterize color and clarity of supplies and reagents.
3. Reach laboratory bench tops and shelves, patients lying in hospital beds, or patients seated in specimen collection chairs.
4. Travel to various clinical sites for practical experience.
5. Maneuver phlebotomy collection equipment to safely collect valid laboratory specimens from patients and other students in class*.
6. Use a computer keyboard to record and transmit information.
7. Follow written and oral instructions to correctly and independently perform the duties of a phlebotomist.
8. Clearly instruct patients prior to collecting specimens.
9. Communicate with faculty, classmates, staff, patients and other healthcare professionals verbally and in a written format.
10. Be able to adapt to working in a professional environment.
11. Be able to adapt to work proficiently in a stressful and/or distracting environment.
12. Be able to work with unpleasant biologicals and potentially infectious agents.
13. Use safe venipuncture technique and standard precautions to avoid potential exposure to Blood Borne Pathogens**.
14. Be honest, compassionate, ethical and responsible. The student must be forthright about errors or uncertainty.

*Each student is required to perform multiple venipunctures on a student partner during on campus labs to gain proficiency before performing it on patients at clinical sites. **This also entails each student allowing a fellow student partner to perform venipunctures upon them as part of the training process.**

**Students are required to complete blood born pathogen training on campus before performing a VP. While safe technique and standard precautions are essential both on campus and at clinical rotations, students should be aware that with any healthcare career involving the use of sharps, there is a risk of accidental needle exposure. Proper technique and procedures are of the utmost importance and critical at all times to avoid such exposure.