

# PHLEBOTOMY PROGRAM



The Phlebotomy program prepares individuals how to safely obtain venous and capillary blood specimens for the purpose of laboratory analysis.

### Program Overview

The Phlebotomy program is a two-part structured program designed to prepare students to practice as an entry-level phlebotomist in a variety of settings such as hospitals, clinics, commercial laboratories, and medical offices. The training consists of approximately 50 hours of classroom instruction. Students will be provided with a maximum of 7 weeks of clinical rotations in a certified outpatient lab at Reading Hospital. To be eligible for certification, students must complete at least 100 successful unaided blood collections including venipunctures and skin punctures. After successful completion of the program, students receive a certificate of completion from Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences. Successful graduates are eligible to sit for the Board of Certification Phlebotomy Technician examination given by the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) if the graduate has completed 100 successful blood draws and 100 documented clinical rotation hours.

Students are provided instruction on how to obtain blood specimens from patients using proper collection techniques and standard precautions. Collection techniques include vacuum collection devices, syringes, butterfly needles, and dermal punctures. Specimen processing, point-of-care testing, and non-blood specimen collection is also covered in the curriculum.

### A Rewarding Career

Phlebotomists are allied health professionals who safely collect venous and capillary blood specimens for laboratory analysis. In as little as eight weeks, you can earn your phlebotomy technician certificate and be working in the medical field as a phlebotomist. Phlebotomists are in high demand with projected job growth of 25 percent from 2016 to 2026 and reference laboratories.



Scan the QR code to learn more about the programs we offer at Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences.

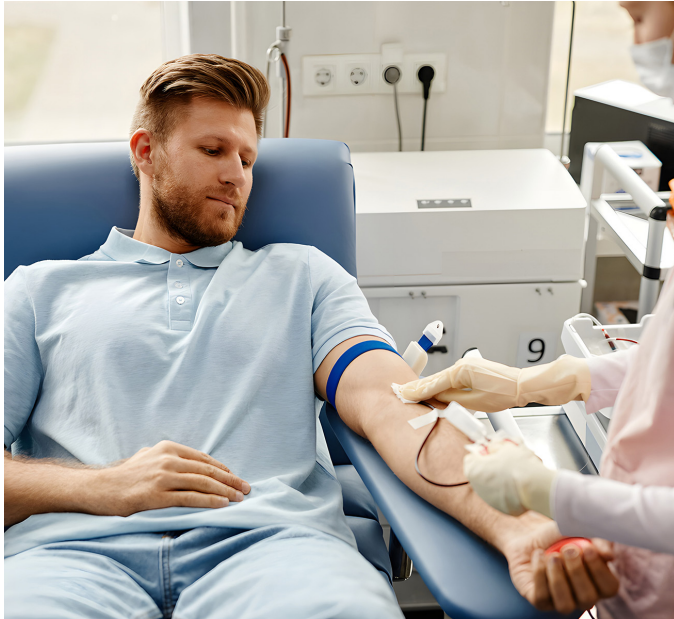


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## Certification

After successful completion of the two-part program, students will receive a certificate of completion to be qualified to sit for the Board of Certification Phlebotomy Technician examination given by the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP).

The ASCP Board of Certification (BOC) is the gold standard in global certification for medical laboratory professionals and has certified more than 525,000 individuals. They are the first and largest certification agency. Since their inception in 1928, the BOC continues to set a high standard for quality and continuing competency. To learn more, visit [www.ascp.org](http://www.ascp.org).

## What does a Phlebotomist do?

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## When does the program admit classes?

The program admits a new class every April.

## What are the class sizes?

Each class has a maximum of six students.

## When are classes held?

The Phlebotomy program is located in Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences. The School is adjacent to Reading Hospital in West Reading, Pennsylvania. Phlebotomy classes are held every spring during daytime hours. Clinical rotation hours in the spring are only offered during daytime hours from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (hours may vary by clinical site).

## What are the admission requirements?

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED to apply to the program. Students must possess certain physical and mental attributes to complete the curriculum. Please review the [Essential Functions](#) before applying to the program. A student must meet these expectations with or without reasonable accommodations.

## What is the application deadline?

The deadline for applications and interviews is 10 weeks before the start of any phlebotomy course or when the class has been filled.

## Do you require an interview?

A face-to-face interview is required to be considered for admission.

## What are the post-acceptance requirements?

Upon acceptance, applicants will need to submit a non-refundable confirmation fee of \$100 within two weeks of the acceptance date. Additionally, accepted students must complete all post-acceptance requirements including all background checks, health screenings, tests, and immunizations according to the established deadlines.

## Do you provide financial resources?

For more information on current tuition and fees, please go to <https://reading.towerhealth.org/finan->



[cial-information/tuition-and-fees/](#). Resources and financial payment options are available by contacting the Financial Aid Office at 484-628-0106 or Student Accounts at 484-628-0102.

## How do I get started?

We welcome visits through formal events and personal appointments. To register for an event or to schedule an appointment with an admissions representative, please call 484-628-0100 or email: [RHSHS@towerhealth.org](mailto:RHSHS@towerhealth.org). Directions to our school are located at <https://reading.towerhealth.org/admissions/rhshs-campus-map/>.

## Questions

For additional information, call us at 484-628-0100. We look forward to helping you reach your educational goals.

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