Lakeland Community College | Phlebotomy Certificate Program
Advising Guide 2026-2027

🩸 Phlebotomy Certificate Program

The Phlebotomy Certificate Program prepares students for entry-level employment as phlebotomy technicians through classroom instruction and hands-on laboratory training. Students develop skills in venipuncture, capillary collection, specimen handling and processing, infection control, patient safety, and professional communication.

Upon successful completion, students earn a Lakeland Certificate of Completion and are eligible to sit for the AMT Registered Phlebotomy Technician (RPT) certification exam.

📅 Program Length & Format

Program Length: The Phlebotomy courses (HLTH 1245 and HLTH 1255) can be completed in one semester.

The certificate also requires HLTH 1215 Medical Terminology and HLTH 1238 Human Body. These courses may be completed before or concurrently with the Phlebotomy courses.

Format: Hybrid — a combination of online coursework and in-person laboratory instruction.

📝 Program Admission

Students must be accepted to Lakeland Community College and submit a Phlebotomy Program Application.

High School/College Credit Plus Students:
Must meet Lakeland's College Credit Plus admission requirements.

New, Current, and Transfer Students:
Must be accepted to Lakeland Community College.
Program availability varies by semester and is based on enrollment and scheduling. Selection of a preferred program option does not guarantee that it will be offered.

🧪 Program Curriculum

HLTH 1215 Medical Terminology for Health Professionals (3 Credits)
HLTH 1238 Structure, Function, Disease, and Therapeutics of the Human Body (4 Credits)
HLTH 1245 Phlebotomy Fundamentals and Techniques (4 Credits)
HLTH 1255 Advanced Phlebotomy: Competency and Certification Preparation (5 Credits)
Certificate Total: 16

**To meet the HLTH1238 requirement, students must complete a course in human biology or anatomy/physiology:

- Students who have successfully completed BIOL1140 (Human Biology) with a grade of “C” or higher do not need to take HLTH1238.
- Students who have successfully completed Anatomy & Physiology I and II (BIOL2210 & BIOL2220) with a grade of “C” or higher also do not need to take HLTH1238.
- Students who have not completed one of the above courses, or who did not earn a grade of “C” or higher, are required to take HLTH1238.

📋 Certification & Graduation:

To successfully complete the program, students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all required HLTH courses.

Upon successful completion, students:

- Earn a Lakeland Certificate of Completion
- Are eligible to sit for the AMT Registered Phlebotomy Technician (RPT) certification exam

💡 Financial Support

Scholarships and financial aid are available to help cover tuition, supplies, and the certification exam. Students are encouraged to ask about options and apply early.

To apply visit Lakeland's Financial Aid home page: https://lakelandcc.edu/web/about/types-financial-aid#scholarships

💼 Career Opportunities

Graduates may pursue entry-level employment opportunities such as:

- **Phlebotomist/Phlebotomy Technician**
- **Specimen Collection Technician**
- Other healthcare support positions requiring phlebotomy skills, depending on employer requirements

Work Settings: Hospitals, medical and diagnostic laboratories, outpatient facilities, physician offices, and blood donation centers.

Job Outlook: Employment of phlebotomists is projected to grow faster than the average for all occupations, driven in part by the continued need for diagnostic blood testing and healthcare services for an aging population.

➕ Stackable Credentials

Build your healthcare skill set: Combining phlebotomy with additional credentials can prepare you for a broader range of roles and responsibilities in healthcare settings.

Stacking credentials can expand your clinical and administrative skills, increase employment options, and support continued education and career advancement.

Add additional value to your career by completing:

- Medical Assisting
- CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant)
- Electrocardiography (EKG)
- Medical Coding
- Administrative Medical Office Assistant

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