

Frequently Asked Questions—Phlebotomy Technician

Is your program accredited?

Sierra College is accredited by WASC but the program itself is not, nor is it required to be. Our school and curriculum, however, are approved by the California Department of Health Laboratory Field Services which is the certifying agency for Phlebotomists.

What kind of Phlebotomy certification will I receive?

Our students will receive a voucher to take the exam offered by the National Healthcareer Association and will be eligible to apply for license as a CPT1 (Certified Phlebotomy Technician 1) through the California Department of Health Laboratory Field Services. CPT1s are authorized for both venipuncture and skin punctures.

Can I use my college transcript in lieu of a high school diploma?

If you have at least 24 successful college units, you may submit your college transcripts in lieu of your high school diploma. Please note that official transcripts (sealed) are required when applying for your state Licensure. You may submit informal transcripts in class.

What if I attended high school or college in a foreign country?

To be certified by LFS, student must have their foreign transcripts evaluated by a "current member" of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) <http://www.naces.org/members.html> or an "endorsed member" of the Association of International Credential Evaluators, Inc. (AICE) <http://aice-eval.org/members/>. This evaluation should be complete before you register for the Phlebotomy Technician program. Please note that the time for evaluations can vary depending on country of origin. Depending on the circumstances, some students choose to take the GED instead. For GED testing, you can contact Roseville Adult School at (916) 782-3952.

What if my high school transcripts are unavailable?

If you cannot provide evidence of high school graduation, you must complete the GED. For GED testing, you can contact Roseville Adult School at (916) 782-3952.

What if I don't pass the math or English assessment given on the first day?

The assessments are a way for you and your instructor to gauge your potential for success in the program – and we want you to be successful. If you score below a 70% on either the math or English assessments administered on the first day, you will be allowed to retake it once. If you cannot pass it a second time (after reviewing with the instructor), you may be excused from the program (and we will provide a full refund). We may encourage you to take a class to improve these skills before returning to the program.

How much time do I have to take the assessments?

There is no set time limit but most complete in about 1 ½ hours.

Do we have to practice on each other?

Yes, students will be required to practice on each other and may be asked to bring in family or friends as volunteers.

Do I have to purchase scrubs in a certain color?

Yes, scrubs must be navy blue and can be purchased anywhere that you find convenient, such as Walmart or Target.

Do I have to wear my scrubs on the first day?

Yes, you are required to wear your scrubs (and proper shoes) for every class.

Is there homework?

You may be asked to complete some assignments and/or reading outside of class.

Am I allowed to miss class?

No. Attendance, both in the classroom and at the externship site is one of the most important factors in a student's ability to succeed in the program. Students are expected to maintain 100% attendance to receive credit for each hour of the program. Enrollment in a program can be terminated because of excessive tardiness and/or absences.

When are the immunizations, resume, background check and drug test required?

All externship pre-requisites are due by the 5th class. Once you register for the class and receive your Student Handbook, you can begin getting these ready (even before you start class if you'd like). Use the promo code for Sierra College listed in your Student Handbook to schedule your background check and drug screening through Corporate Screening Services. **Please note that each of these costs \$40 (total of \$80).** You cannot begin your externship until these items have been submitted and any delays in getting them in (by the 5th class deadline) may cause a delay in your externship placement.

Can I have a misdemeanor on my record and still get my license with the state?

Possibly – it's best to contact Laboratory Field Services directly about your specific case. As a general rule, if a student has a drug, violent or sexual charge within the last 10 years, they will most likely be denied.

Where do I submit my externship pre-requisite paperwork?

See your student handbook for the email address to send your completed work – this is essential for being placed in the externship. You will have up to 60 days before you're placed, but it could be sooner. Feel free to check in with CalRegional about the status of your placement if you're unsure.