

Phlebotomy (PBT) FAQ's

Do I have to draw blood in the class?

Yes, once trained, students draw blood from each other.

Is there anything else I need to know about phlebotomy that I may not have realized?

You might have to draw blood from an intoxicated person who is belligerent or you might have to tell patients how to collect urine, stool, or semen samples.

What is the difference between PBT 100 (Introduction to Phlebotomy for Allied Health Professionals) class and the PBT diploma program?

PBT 100 is offered as credit or noncredit class for experienced healthcare professionals who want to obtain the skill of phlebotomy or refresh old skills and techniques. The program is 10 sessions in 2-3 months (about 30 hours). It is required for rad tech students at HACC. This class does not qualify you to sit for the phlebotomy certification exam (required in most hospitals to work as a phlebotomist). The PBT diploma program is an 18-credit program (6 different classes, including PBT 101 and 102) which does qualify you to sit for the certification exam after successful completion of the program.

If I just take PBT 100, can I get a job as a phlebotomist?

Most hospitals in this area require certification for employment and do not hire people who complete only PBT 100.

What classifies one as an “experienced healthcare professional” in order to take PBT 100?

The class is mostly taken by nurse aides, medical assistants, RNs, LPNs, EMTs, paramedics and physicians. If you have questions about whether or not you qualify, contact [Amy Lundvall](mailto:Amy.Lundvall@hacc.edu) (717) 221-1724.

If I want to take PBT 100 as a noncredit student, what do I do?

Call Noncredit Healthcare (717) 221-1352 to register or find a class and complete a noncredit Official Healthcare Enrollment Form or register on line at <http://vc.hacc.edu/>. Note – you do not have to complete a college application or take placement tests.

How much does the noncredit PBT100 class cost?

Call Noncredit Healthcare (717) 221-1352 (or see [Noncredit Healthcare Continuing Education](#)) to find the current cost of tuition. Textbooks are mandatory, currently cost about \$55, and must be purchased at the [College Bookstore](#) prior to the first class.

Do I have to apply to the college and take placement tests if I want to get the certification?

Yes, to take the certification exam, you must successfully complete the credit diploma program.

Which campuses offer PBT 100?

Harrisburg and Lancaster - Spring, Summer and Fall
York - Summer
Gettysburg – Fall

Which campuses offer the phlebotomy diploma program?

It is offered at all campuses. The following is a list of when and where the PBT courses (clinical phase) are offered:

Harrisburg - Fall and Spring

Lancaster - Spring
Gettysburg - Summer
Lebanon - Summer
York - Fall

Are the classes in the daytime or evenings?

For the PBT diploma program, class times vary according to campus and semester. The general education courses (prerequisites to the PBT courses) for the diploma program are offered daytime and evening and on-line. PBT 100, class times vary according to campus and semester.

Program-specific course sequence (taken upon acceptance into the clinical phase):

Clinical Semester 1 - PBT 101 (Not full-time. Other courses can be taken with this course.)

Clinical Semester 2 - PBT 102 (Hospital clinicals - full-time days for three weeks. Other courses can be taken with this course, but must be evenings or on-line.)

If I want to apply to the PBT diploma program, how do I start?

Step 1: Complete a college Application for Admission and send it to the HACCC location of your choice. [How to apply and register.](#)

This is a selective and competitive admission program. Admission to the college doesn't guarantee admission to the clinical component of the program. You will be admitted as a pre-phlebotomy student and work with your advisor to apply to the clinical/core component (PBT courses) of the program.

Once I am accepted to the college and have taken my placement tests (Math placement testing is not required), who do I contact?

Prior to applying for the clinical phase (PBT courses) of the program, you are required to meet with a PBT advisor and have an educational plan. Below are campus PBT advisors:

To schedule appointments:

Harrisburg Campus-Amy Lundvall (717) 221-1724

Lancaster Campus-Susan Herr (717) 358-2988

Gettysburg Campus-Dianne Brooks (717) 337-3855 ext 3001

Lebanon Campus-Debra Schneider (717) 270-4222

York Campus-Heather Burns (717) 718-0328 ext 3513

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