



Career Spotlight: Phlebotomist

A phlebotomist is an integral member of the medical laboratory team whose primary function is the collection of blood samples from patients. The phlebotomist facilitates the collection and transportation of laboratory specimens, and is often the patient's only contact with the medical laboratory.

Becoming a Phlebotomist

To become a phlebotomist, you must complete acceptable phlebotomy training, which usually includes obtaining a phlebotomy certificate.

While Cleveland Clinic does not have an actual school devoted to phlebotomy, certain facilities serve as clinical affiliates for accredited programs. Students can choose to complete their clinical training hours at the Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Institute at the following locations:

- Cleveland Clinic
- Euclid Hospital
- Fairview Hospital
- Hillcrest Hospital
- Lakewood Hospital
- Lutheran Hospital
- Marymount Hospital
- South Pointe Hospital

Curriculum

Earning a certificate in phlebotomy involves both classroom instruction and hands-on clinical training. Programs usually last 2-3 semesters. Students learn how to perform a variety of different skills related to the proper use of lab equipment and drawing blood.

Affiliate Schools

Please note: Not all affiliate schools offer clinical training at all Cleveland Clinic locations. Please check with the specific school for details.

- Auburn Joint Vocational School District
- Cuyahoga Community College
- Cuyahoga Valley Career Center
- Kent State University
- Lakeland Community College
- Lorain County Community College
- Lorain County Joint Vocational Adult Career Center
- Polaris Career Center
- Remington College
- Sanford Brown College
- Stark State College

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Career Spotlight: Histotechnician

A histotechnician is an individual who is trained in the preparation and staining of tissue slides for microscopic examination and disease diagnosis by the pathologist. Histotechnicians may also assist the pathologist in the preparation of frozen tissue sections which are used to provide rapid diagnosis.

Becoming a Histotechnician

To become a histotechnician, you must complete a histology program (usually an associate's degree) accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences.

While Cleveland Clinic does not have an actual school devoted to histology, certain facilities serve as clinical affiliates for accredited programs. Students can choose to complete their clinical training hours at the Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Institute at the following locations:

- Cleveland Clinic
- Fairview Hospital
- Lutheran Hospital
- Hillcrest Hospital
- Lakewood Hospital
- Marymount Hospital

Curriculum

Completing a histology program includes both classroom instruction and hands-on clinical training. Programs are usually 4-6 semesters long.

Affiliate Schools

Please note: Not all affiliate schools offer clinical training at all Cleveland Clinic locations. Please check with the specific school for details.

- Argosy University
- Harford County Community College (Online)
- Lakeland Community College

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Career Spotlight: Medical Laboratory Technician

Medical laboratory technicians (MLT) work under the supervision of a medical technologist. MLTs prepare specimens, operate automated analyzers and perform manual tests.

Becoming a Medical Laboratory Technician

To become a MLT, you must complete a medical laboratory technician program (usually an associate's degree) accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences.

While Cleveland Clinic does not have an actual school devoted to MLTs, certain facilities serve as clinical affiliates for accredited programs. Students can choose to complete their clinical training hours at the Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Institute at the following locations:

- Euclid Hospital
- Fairview Hospital
- Hillcrest Hospital
- Lakewood Hospital
- Lutheran Hospital
- Marymount Hospital
- South Pointe Hospital

Curriculum

Medical Laboratory Technicians' curriculum usually includes 6-8 semesters of a combination of coursework and clinical training hours.

Affiliate Schools

Please note: Not all affiliate schools offer clinical training at all Cleveland Clinic locations. Please check with the specific school for details.

- Cuyahoga Community College
- Lakeland Community College
- Lorain County Community College
- Stark State College

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Career Spotlight: Medical Technologist

Medical Technologists are laboratory scientists who are part of the medical team of specialists working together to determine the presence, extent or absence of disease. They do this by performing a full range of laboratory tests from simple blood screens to more complex testings.

Becoming a Medical Technologist

To become a medical technologist, you typically must earn a bachelor's degree in medical technology or clinical laboratory science, in which case certification from an accredited training program is also required.

Curriculum

In most medical technology degree programs, the student attends classroom courses and completes clinical rotations. In clinical rotations, the student experiences hands-on learning in each discipline and, under supervision, performs diagnostic testing in a functioning laboratory.

Cleveland Clinic has a School of Medical Technology, but certain Cleveland Clinic facilities also serve as clinical affiliates for an accredited program. Students can choose to complete their clinical training hours at the Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Institute at the following locations:

- Cleveland Clinic
- Hillcrest Hospital
- Marymount Hospital
- Euclid Hospital
- Lakewood Hospital
- South Pointe Hospital
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