

# **FAQS – PHLEBOTOMY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

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## **Is the Phlebotomy Program accredited?**

Harcum's phlebotomy program is accredited by:

The National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)

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[www.naacls.org](http://www.naacls.org)

## **Will I become certified after attending Harcum's Phlebotomy Program?**

All students who successfully complete the phlebotomy program requirements are eligible to sit for the phlebotomy certification exam offered by the American Society for Clinical Pathologists (ASCP). Certification is highly recommended for employment in the field, however the granting of the phlebotomy certificate from Harcum College is not contingent upon the passing of the ASCP certification examination. To view the most current testing cost, visit the ASCP website at [www.ascp.org](http://www.ascp.org)>>Board of certification>>Get Credentialed

## **How long does it take to complete the Phlebotomy program?**

The Phlebotomy curriculum consists of a 1-semester course in phlebotomy theory and techniques. Students who successfully complete the phlebotomy theory and techniques course will attend the clinical practicum in the following semester. The practicum experience consists of successful completion of 100-hours and 100-venipuncture procedures in a clinical site. Students also take the online PBT Certification Exam Prep course concurrently with the practicum.

## **Can I complete the off-campus clinical practicum on a part-time basis?**

There is very limited opportunity for part-time completion of the clinical requirements. It is recommended that students be prepared to complete the clinical practicum on a full-time basis Monday-Friday dayshift hours for 2.5 weeks.

## **Does the College have a teach-out plan in the event of program closure?**

In the event that a catastrophic event occurs that results in an interruption of the college's ability to operate the Phlebotomy Program, the program director will make every effort to move to another location. Attempts will be made to accommodate the lecture content through online instruction. In the event that a catastrophic event halts the operation of one or more of the Phlebotomy Program's clinical affiliates, steps will be taken to place students at other functioning clinical sites to finish the remainder of their training. In the event of an administrative decision to suspend operation of the Phlebotomy Program, new students will not be admitted to the program, but current students will follow their academic plan to complete the program requirements.

## **Phlebotomy Program Statistics**

The most recent outcomes measures are reported to NAACLS each October. Data on the Phlebotomy Program ASCP Board of Certification pass rates, graduation rates, and job placement rates are visible on the Phlebotomy Certificate program webpage.