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Phlebotomy Course Information for the Public

Permission has been obtained to reorganize the phlebotomy curriculum which is designed to prepare students to be eligible to hold national certification as a laboratory assistant in most states. The new curriculum, which includes two courses, will start in the fall of 2013.

Courses in the New Curriculum

LTE 101: Fundamental Phlebotomy (4 units) This includes 30 clock hours of theory presented on-line, 15 clock hours of theory presented live prior to the start of the laboratory experience, and 45 clock hours of laboratory.

Pre-requisites: Current major medical insurance and selected immunizations/tests. (See the Nursing & Allied website for specific information.) A high school diploma, or equivalent, is not required to enroll in the course. However, the state of Nevada requires proof of holding a high school diploma, or equivalent, in order to activate the license application.

Course Description

Provides students with knowledge and skills necessary to perform basic collection, identification, and preservation of blood samples as applied to venipuncture techniques. The course also incorporates finger stick procedures and patient contact methodologies carried out within the ethical, legal and professional boundaries of the role. Students desirous of holding national certification through the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) or other national certifying agencies, and a license as a laboratory assistant in Nevada will be required to successfully complete LTE 102 – Applied Phlebotomy. A grade of C (not C-) and 20 successful draws, performed in a WNC laboratory setting, are required to be eligible to enroll in LTE 102.

LTE 102: Applied Phlebotomy (3.5 units) This includes 15 clock hours of theory presented on-line, 13 clock hours of laboratory at WNC and 100 clock hours at a clinical site.

Pre-requisites: Completion of LTE 101 with a grade of C or better.

Also, students who have previously successfully completed LTE 110 with a grade of C or better within the past 3 semesters, may apply for admission on a space available basis. A current license as a laboratory assistant in Nevada is required for these applicants.

All students must show proof of holding current major medical insurance, and selected immunizations/tests. (See the Nursing & Allied website for specific information.)

Course Description

Provides students with 100 hours of clinical phlebotomy experiences to apply knowledge and skills learned in LTE 101. While under the guidance of a phlebotomist preceptor, students will perform a minimum of 100 successful, documented blood draws with patients across the lifespan (excluding infants and toddlers). Upon successful completion of the course (grade of C or better) students are eligible to sit for a national certification examination offered through a variety of certifying organizations, including the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP).

Note: On the first day of class, **unlicensed** students are required to bring a **receipt** showing proof that the student has **applied** for a phlebotomy assistant license in NV. It is recommended that students apply for a license no earlier than two weeks prior to the start of the course.