

PHLEBOTOMIST



American Society for
Clinical Pathology

What do I do?

I am the most patient adjacent member of the laboratory. I draw blood for tests, transfusions, donations, or research. I sometimes explain the procedure to patients and assist in the recovery of patients with adverse reactions. I communicate with both doctors and patients.

My typical day includes:

- Dispose of contaminated sharps, in accordance with applicable laws, standards, and policies.
- Organize or clean blood-drawing trays, ensuring that all instruments are sterile and all needles, syringes, or related items are of first-time use.
- Draw blood from veins by vacuum tube, syringe, or butterfly venipuncture methods.
- Match laboratory requisition forms to specimen tubes.
- Dispose of blood or other biohazard fluids or tissue, in accordance with applicable laws, standards, or policies.

Necessary Skill Sets



Ability to follow set procedures and routines.



Work with ideas and require an extensive amount of thinking.



Tasks include practical, hands-on problems and solutions.



Communication skills required.

Salary

Average Salary*: \$37,000 Annual

Certification

[Earn certification as a Phlebotomist from the American Society for Clinical Pathology Board of Certification \(ASCP BOC\).](#)

Education Requirements

High school graduation or equivalent, AND successful completion of a NAACLS accredited phlebotomy program within the last five years.

* Salaries are based on a national average and will vary by location and years of service and other factors.