

Career Focus on...

Phlebotomy/EKG Technician

Introduction

- Are you conscientious?
- Do you have a strong attention to detail?
- Do you like interacting with people?
- Are you well-organized?
- Do you have compassion and empathy for sick patients?

If you answered “yes” to these questions, you may want to consider a career as a Phlebotomist/ EKG Technician (P/EKG).

Did You Know... ?

- Employment of phlebotomists is expected to grow by 27 percent from 2012 to 2022, much faster than average for all occupations.
- QCC’s program provides a great opportunity for students to gain entry-level employment in healthcare, while providing additional foundational skills for today’s healthcare field.
- If students complete QCC’s P/EKG Technician Certificate, maintain a GPA of 3.0 and meet the admission requirements of a healthcare program, they will be guaranteed admission on a space available basis.

Phlebotomy/EKG Certificate @ QCC

The P/EKG Technician Certificate Program educates individuals to work in various aspects of healthcare including hospitals, clinics and outreach/home sites.

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

- Understand medical terminology, basic anatomy of the venous system, basic hematology, infection control, quality assurance and safety.
- Perform venipuncture and capillary puncture, specimen handling.
- Gain knowledge of basic EKG tracing, rate, rhythm, common heart abnormalities and the use and function of the EKG machine.

Career Options

PHLEBOTOMIST

Median Annual Salary: \$29,730

Recommended Education: Postsecondary non-degree award (certificate)

www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/phlebotomists.htm

EKG TECHNICIAN

Median Annual Salary: \$37,240

Recommended Education: Associate’s degree

www.onetonline.org/link/summary/29-2012.00

Worcester Area Employers

- UMass Memorial Medical Center
- Quest Diagnostics
- US Laboratories
- Harrington Hospital

Professional Associations

- American Society of Phlebotomy Technicians:
www.aspt.org
- National Phlebotomy Association:
www.nationalphlebotomy.org
- National Association of Phlebotomy Professionals:
napusa.org.tripod.com
- Center for Phlebotomy Education:
www.phlebotomy.com

Next Steps

Wondering if the Phlebotomy/EKG Technician Certificate is right for you?

- Take a Career Assessment to match your interests with potential careers:
www.qcc.mass.edu/t3/ort/sites.html#careerassess
- Research the web links on this *Career Focus* page, as well as links suggested online under Career Information: www.qcc.mass.edu/t3/ort/sites.html#careerinfo
- Conduct an Informational Interview with someone employed in the field. For more information on how to do this, review the Informational Interview links online:
www.qcc.mass.edu/t3/ort/sites.html#infointerview
- Attend a Career Planning Session. For more information, and the current schedule, visit Career Academic Personal Success (CAPS) online:
www.QCC.edu/services/academic-advising/career-academic-personal-success
- Speak with an Advisor:
www2.qcc.mass.edu/advising/
- Speak with QCC Faculty who teach Phlebotomy/EKG Technician Certificate courses.

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www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/ocwage.pdf

O*NET Online:

- 31-9097.00 – Phlebotomists:
www.onetonline.org/link/summary/31-9097.00

Quinsigamond Community College, Online Course Catalog:

- Phlebotomy/EKG Technician Certificate:
www.qcc.edu/academics/health-care/phlebotomyekg-technician

Employment, Co-op, Internship, or Service Learning Opportunities

Contact the Career Placement Services Office:
www.QCC.edu/services/career-placement-services

Specific Transfer Information

- Start at the QCC Transfer web site:
www.qcc.mass.edu/transfer
- Make an appointment online with the Transfer Advisor:
www.qcc.mass.edu/transfer/calendar
- Email questions to:
transfer@qcc.mass.edu

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