

## CERTIFICATION DISCLOSURE FOR PHLEBOTOMY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

U.S. Career Institute's (USCI) Phlebotomy Technician program is a completely online program with no live skills (experience) component. *Students seeking certification as a phlebotomist after graduation will need to complete live skills experience, which they are responsible for securing on their own. Not obtaining certification will impact employment opportunities as a phlebotomist after completing the program.*

Please read the following information carefully, and contact the Admissions Department at 866.250.6851 if you have any questions.

### Phlebotomist Certification

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  - Most employers expect phlebotomists to hold a certification, such as the Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT) certification offered by the National Healthcareer Association (NHA). Not holding a certification **will** impact your employment opportunities and earnings.
  
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  - Obtaining the CPT requires passing a written exam and completing certain live skills experience. The Phlebotomy Technician program prepares graduates to sit for the CPT written exam through the NHA via the Pre-Externship Route; however, the program does not include the live skill experience requirements (detailed below) required to obtain CPT certification. Graduates are responsible for securing these experience opportunities on their own.
  
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  - After you graduate, you are eligible to sit for the CPT exam. **Within 90 days** of taking the CPT exam (*temporarily extended to 180 days due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but subject to revert back to 90 days at any time*), you must perform a minimum of 30 successful venipunctures and 10 successful capillary or finger sticks on live individuals. These must all be performed after you complete the program. NHA will require documentation that you have completed these venipunctures and finger sticks on live individuals before issuing a certification. This means that **you cannot be a Certified Phlebotomy Technician until you successfully complete these venipunctures and capillary or finger sticks on live individuals.**
  
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  - Because USCI only offers online instruction, **USCI WILL NOT PROVIDE THIS LIVE SKILLS EXPERIENCE AS PART OF THE PHLEBOTOMY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURING AN ACCEPTABLE FACILITY AND PERFORMING AT LEAST 30 SUCCESSFUL VENIPUNCTURES AND 10 SUCCESSFUL CAPILLARY OR FINGER STICKS ON LIVE INDIVIDUALS AFTER COMPLETING THE PROGRAM.** USCI recommends contacting medical centers, labs (e.g., Labcorp or Quest), hospitals and doctor's offices to inquire about opportunities to gain the required experience.
  
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  - The NHA publishes application and eligibility criteria for the Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT) certification (available at [https://www.nhanow.com/docs/default-source/test-plans/candidate\\_handbook.pdf](https://www.nhanow.com/docs/default-source/test-plans/candidate_handbook.pdf)). Prospective students are required to review this information in detail.

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- In addition to the CPT certification from the NHA, certifications are available from other organizations such as the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP), National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT), and the American Medical Technologists (AMT). Requirements for these organizations vary, and USCI's Phlebotomy Technician program is designed only to prepare graduates for the NHA-CPT written exam through the Pre-Externship Route. Prospective students interested in obtaining a certification from another organization are responsible for determining that organization's requirements. Prospective students who wish to work at a specific employer(s) are encouraged to contact the employer(s) and ask if they have a specific preferred certification.

### **State Licensing Requirements**

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- Some states require phlebotomists to hold a license or certification issued by the state, and regulations and requirements vary. Some states may include additional requirements beyond those offered in our course, such as CPR training or background checks. Prospective students are responsible for contacting the regulatory agency in the state(s) where they plan to work to confirm their requirements before enrolling in this course.

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- While prospective students are responsible for determining applicable state requirements, USCI has reviewed and continues to monitor state requirements every six months. The most current review shows that USCI's Phlebotomy Technician curriculum does not meet the educational requirements for licensure in California, Louisiana, Nevada, and Washington. Please reference the most current review here: <https://www.uscareerinstitute.edu/PDF/Phlebotomy-Technician.pdf>. It is important that the prospective student and, if enrolled, student, monitor their state requirements regularly to be updated on any changes in state licensure requirements.

### **Acknowledgment**

**By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read, understand and accept all statements made in this Disclosure, and that you received this Disclosure before signing your enrollment agreement. You further understand that CPT certification and state requirements may change at any time without notice and agree that you are responsible for researching CPT certification requirements and requirements in the state(s) in which you plan to work following graduation.**

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Student Printed Name

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Student Signature

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Date