West Virginia Office of Laboratory Services

Venipuncture
Correspondence Course

Course Description
In today’s healthcare system, the role of the phlebotomist is of vital importance. While technological advances in instrumentation have improved the accuracy of laboratory testing, there is an increased dependence on the quality of the patient specimen. This course focuses on issues that affect phlebotomy and ways to improve performance. Quality patient care begins here! This course covers:

- Regulations pertaining to and sources of Phlebotomy practices
- When a phlebotomist is required to have a WV Clinical Laboratory Practitioner’s license
- Developing safer working standards to prevent the spread of blood-borne pathogens
- Recognizing variables pertaining to patient, equipment, and technique
- The use of the types of collection tubes and the correct order of draw
- The equipment necessary to perform a satisfactory blood collection
- The steps in a Phlebotomy procedure and bleeding time procedure

Who Should Enroll?
Anyone involved with specimen collection or laboratory testing such as: Phlebotomists, Medical Technologists, Medical Laboratory Technicians, Point of Care Technicians, Nurses, Medical Assistants.

Course Registration
Complete registration online using a credit card or by mailing a check with this paper application. Participants will be emailed the correspondence course materials and exam, unless a paper copy is requested. (Additional $6.00 charge).

Course Credits
Course exams must be completed and mailed to the Office of Laboratory Services for grading. A score of 70% or greater on the exams must be achieved to receive the continuing education credits.

Course Fee: $15.00
Continuing Education Credit: 10 Contact Hours

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