

D. Students should check the location and schedule of classes to ensure their own availability and access. Students are responsible for their own transportation, and attendance, to classes and phlebotomy clinical assigned by the program. Attendance in all classes is required. Excessive absences will result in dismissal.

E. Students enrolling in all health care programs should be aware that some clinical facilities may require auto and/or health insurance. Malpractice insurance, when required, is provided by the college through the assessment of lab fees.

F. For more information about the Phlebotomy program, contact Phlebotomy Coordinator Dianne Iberg at the Belleville Campus, 618-235-2700, ext. 5386. or an academic advisor at the Belleville Campus, 618-235-2700, ext. 5242/5548; the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus, 618-931-0600, ext. 7333; or the Red Bud Campus, 618-282-6682, ext. 8114.



Tuition, Fees and Financial Aid:

The estimated cost of the Phlebotomy program is available at swic.edu/phlebotomy. Visit swic.edu/foundation for details about scholarships.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding also may be available to qualified students. For information about WIOA, contact Workforce Development Division at 618-235-2700, ext. 5466 or 5536.

Average Salary:

The average starting salary is about \$24,000 plus benefits, but varies depending on the type and location of health care facility.

PHLEBOTOMY CERTIFICATE (021B)

FIRST SEMESTER

Courses	Semester Credits
MLT 100 Intro to Phlebotomy Procedures	2
MLT 242 Phlebotomy Clinical	2

Total Semester Credits 4



Career Cluster: Health Science

Career Pathway: Diagnostic Services

Programs in this pathway focus on identifying and documenting abnormal conditions and their causes.

**Program of Study:
Phlebotomy (021B)**

Certificate: One-semester program

Level of Patient Contact: Moderate

For more information about this and other health care careers, go to: swic.edu/phlebotomy

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- **Red Bud Campus**, 500 W. South Fourth St.

Phlebotomy

**SOUTHWESTERN
ILLINOIS COLLEGE**



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Career Overview:

A **Phlebotomist** is trained in the practice of drawing blood for clinical or medical testing, transfusions, donations or research. Duties of a phlebotomist include collecting and transporting specimens, effectively explaining methods of specimen collection to patients and monitoring quality assurance in collection of blood specimens. They may work in a physician's office, hospital, clinic or independent lab.

Phlebotomy Certification or License Requirements:

The states of Illinois and Missouri do not require phlebotomy certification or license to draw blood (most states do not), although most employers will only hire phlebotomists with valid certifications or diplomas. Students who complete this program are awarded a certificate of completion and are prepared for employment as a phlebotomist. For those interested in additional credentialing in Phlebotomy, the American Society of Clinical Pathology offers a registry examination.

About the Program:

The SWIC Phlebotomy program is a total of four semester credits for the following courses: MLT 100 Introduction to Phlebotomy Procedures and MLT 242 Phlebotomy Clinical. MLT 100 Introduction to Phlebotomy Procedures is offered each fall and spring semester with limited seats (minimum 10) available. It is completed in the first six weeks of the semester and is followed by MLT 242 Phlebotomy Clinical, in two of the last 10 weeks of the semester. Clinical hours are normally completed during the day, but occasional evening hours are available. Clinicals are scheduled Monday through Friday. Student placement in clinical facilities is dependent on availability of the clinical facilities. Students may be required to travel for clinical assignments. No student can do less than 24 hours per week for clinical practicum. During this program, students acquire knowledge, skills and experiences related

to the drawing of blood and learn about topics such as infection control, sterilization practices, medical/hospital procedures and environments, diagnostic procedures, and the process of drawing blood. This course provides a sequence of organized competencies necessary to perform tasks which include laboratory requisitions and reports; care of laboratory equipment; aseptic techniques; basic laboratory mathematics (metrics); handling of specimens; blood collection techniques; and interdepartmental relationships such as introduction to the departments of hematology, urology, serology, bacteriology and others.

Program Location:

The MLT 100 Introduction to Phlebotomy Procedures course is offered at the Belleville Campus each fall and spring semester. MLT 242 Phlebotomy Clinical is offered at a hospital or clinical facility located within the district.



Enrollment Procedures:

Enrollment in this program is limited each fall and spring semester (minimum 10). Students should contact the program director for permission numbers early, to secure your seat. Students must pass MLT 100 to enroll in MTL 242.

Program Requirements:

- A.** Students in the phlebotomy courses are recommended to have the **Hepatitis B shot series, updated immunization record, current tuberculosis test and flu shot prior to phlebotomy clinicals.**
- B.** Prior to enrolling in the Phlebotomy clinical class, MLT 242 Phlebotomy Clinical, students must have completed MLT 100 Intro to Phlebotomy Procedures with a grade of C or better.
- C.** A fingerprinting check, random drug test and name search on government registries, which prohibit employment in health care professions,

are also required prior to MLT 242 Phlebotomy Clinical. There is an \$67 fee for drug testing and criminal background checks. Convictions for offenses in the following areas normally prohibit the student from participation in the clinical portion of their program and will result in program dismissal: assault, sexual offenses, arson, murder, burglary and robbery.

Refer to the Health Care Worker Background Check Act for a complete list of disqualifying offenses at idph.state.il.us/nar/.

To participate in the clinical portion of the program, admitted students with criminal convictions will be required to present an Illinois Department of Public Health waiver upon college request. Students may call 217-785-5133 to request a waiver application from IDPH. Applicants should be aware that obtaining a waiver does not guarantee program admission, and that not every clinical facility accepts the IDPH waiver, therefore obtaining the waiver is not a guarantee that the clinical portion of the program can be completed. It is certain that without the waiver, the clinical sites will not permit direct patient contact and program completion will not be possible.

In addition, **positive results from the drug test and a listing on prohibitory government registry will also result in dismissal from the program.** Positive criminal background check, drug test or listing on a government registry will result in dismissal from program. Positive drug tests will result from the use of illegal drugs or prescription medication which the student does not have a prescription. Medical marijuana is also considered a positive drug testing result. Students who have concerns regarding their status with the above regulations are encouraged to discuss the matter with the program coordinator or coordinators' assistant prior to seeking admission.