

The background image shows a group of healthcare professionals in a clinical setting. In the foreground, a woman with dark hair, wearing a blue surgical mask and blue scrubs, looks directly at the camera. Behind her, several other healthcare workers are visible, some wearing masks and scrubs, others in white lab coats. The setting appears to be a hospital or clinic with large windows in the background.

BECOMING A PHLEBULOUS PHLEBOTOMIST

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Informational

What is Phlebotomy?

- Phlebotomy is the process of drawing blood from a patient, typically for medical testing, transfusions, donations, or research.

What is a phlebotomist?

- A phlebotomist is a trained healthcare professional who specialize in drawing blood from patients for medical testing, also they must ensure patients comfort, proper handling of blood samples, and adherence to safety and hygiene protocols. Phlebotomist often work in hospitals, clinics, laboratories, blood donation centers, and other medical settings.

The image shows a chalkboard with handwritten mathematical derivations. On the left, a graph of a function $y = g(x)$ is shown with a secant line and a tangent line. The secant line is labeled "Secant Lines" and the tangent line is labeled "Tangent Line". The point of tangency is marked with a vertical dashed line labeled $x+h$. On the right, the derivative $f'(x)$ is calculated using the limit definition:

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$
$$f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 - x^2}{h}$$
$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2xh + h^2 - x^2}{h}$$
$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2xh + h^2}{h}$$
$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h(2x + h)$$

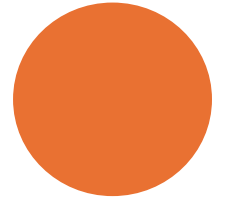
The Dream

Becoming a Phlebotomist was one of my top career choices. I chose phlebotomy because It is a quick entry way to get into the healthcare field and can be a stepping-stone for other healthcare careers and is also a stable job in the healthcare field without spending years in school. It can also be a less stressful role that offer flexible schedules including part-time and day shifts. Which is my thing if you personally know me. You can also receive good pay and benefits!!!(:



The Opportunity

I was given the opportunity to take a Phlebotomy course starting February 3rd. The first day felt like I was going in blind, I learned so much about the color draw and the veins we have in are body. I also was given lab practice and hand on practice!! I drew blood and got my blood drawn by my classmates, which was terrifying to me!! But we got it done trusting each other.



Hands On

Hands on Practice was the hardest part of the whole program for me. Not just physically, mentally also. I had never draw blood or even work in a lab. I received so much information on how you introduce the patient, how you care for the patient, also how you correctly draw blood from the patients in the correct order of draw. Once I got introducing the patient down pack, the serious part was drawing the blood and correctly using the order of draw . Even though I knew how to find a vein, hitting the vein correctly and filling up different tubes was the hardest part for me!!



Started From The Bottom Now We Here

As my phlebotomy class gets close to the end, I practice the color of draw, and which additives are in each tube. I learned how to introduce myself to a patient, and making sure to put their safety first. Using the correct slang for a phlebotomist and making sure to only use it with my coworkers and not a patient. Making sure I see the signs of Syncope, nausea, also what implied and informed consent means. Drawing blood from the correct veins, feeling and not seeing!! Making sure my patient safety is put first at all times!!



The Best Thing About Taking A Phlebotomy Course

- Learning as a group, helping each other through the course making sure we all win!!
- Learning what else a phlebotomy do besides us drawing blood.(Introducing, making sure our patients are okay and drawing the correct order of draw)
- Hands on practice with fake hands prepared us to draw blood from each other! Made it much easier for me to trust my other classmates!
- Actual drawing blood!! The excitement when I see blood hit my tube was the best feeling letting me know I'm ready to become a Phleb!!

