A Phlebotomist is an integral part of the medical laboratory team whose primary function is the collection of blood samples from patients by venipuncture or micro-techniques. Phlebotomists are in demand for positions in laboratories, hospitals, clinics, and physician offices. Lab tests, ordered by physicians, are a key component to diagnosing and treatment of patients. The phlebotomist facilitates the collection and transportation of laboratory specimens, and is often the patient's only contact with the medical laboratory. The need to assure quality and patient safety mandates strict professional behavior and standards of practice in any clinical environment. Course Outcomes include: Role of the Phlebotomist; Quality Assurance and Legal Issues; Universal Precautions; Medical Terminology; Anatomy, Physiology and Circulation; Blood Collection Equipment; Venipuncture Specimen Collection Procedures; Butterfly Needle Technique; Blood Collection Variables and Complications; Procedural Errors and Troubleshooting; Specific Testing and Collection Requirements; Specimen Handling and Processing.

**Fall 2022 Dates**

**September 13 - November 17**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**60 Classroom Hours - 10 weeks**

Due To Covid 19 restrictions, the 40-hour Externship is not required.

**Cost: $1,350.00**

Full payment is due at the time of registration.

(Book not included - approximately - $98)

Live classes are held at the Nursing Education Building - NSU Main Campus - 3rd Floor.

**Registration is available at [www.nsu.edu/vbhec](http://www.nsu.edu/vbhec).**

**MANDATORY ORIENTATION: August 23, 2022 @ 6:00 PM at the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center, Classroom 131.**

To receive your mandatory orientation packet, please contact the VBHEC upon registration. Students will need to show proof of up-to-date shot records (Hepatitis B, MMR, Varicella, PPD) and have background check at Orientation. Details of the parking decal and externship will be covered at the orientation session.