

Phlebotomy: Professional Licensing Contacts by State

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Alabama

Alabama Department of Public Health

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/index.html>

1-800-252-1818

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/about/contact.html>

To become a phlebotomist in Alabama, you must complete a phlebotomy training program. Students interested in pursuing this career can enroll in a two-year associate degree program or a short-term certificate program at a technical school or community college. Certificate programs, which usually are completed in less than a year, are the programs most chosen by aspiring phlebotomists. Certification is not a state or legal requirement in Alabama, but most employers prefer to hire phlebotomists who have obtained certification. Certification can be obtained through organizations such as the National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT), the American Medical Technologists (AMT), the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) and the National Phlebotomy Association (NPA).

Alabama Department of Public Health

P.O. Box 303017

Montgomery, AL 36130-3017

Alaska

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

<http://www.dhss.alaska.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

(907) 334-2483

adam.crum@alaska.gov

There is no state licensure requirements in Alaska for phlebotomists. Still, you may want to take a voluntary certification and from either National Phlebotomy Association (NPA) or American Society of Phlebotomy Technicians (APT). In Alaska, as well as some other states, you do not need to be certified to work in the field of phlebotomy. However, certification allows you to apply for higher paying jobs and will provide you with more job opportunities.

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

4500 Boniface Parkway

Anchorage, AK 99507-2107

Arizona

Arizona Department of Health Services

<https://azdhs.gov/>

(602) 542-1025

To become a phlebotomist in Arizona, one must first complete an accredited training program in phlebotomy. The National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) is the most used accrediting agency for phlebotomist, and it also meets certification requirements. Arizona is one of many states that does not require their phlebotomists be licensed. They are also not required to be certified.

Arizona Department of Health Services

150 North 18th Avenue

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Arkansas

Arkansas Dept. of Health

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/>

1-800-462-0599

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/contact-us-form>

Phlebotomy programs are available at community colleges, vocational schools, or technical schools.

Certification is not required by the state of Arkansas, but may be required by employers.

Arkansas Department of Health

4815 W. Markham, Little

Rock, AR 72205-3867

California

California Department of Public Health

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OSPHLD/LFS/Pages/Phlebotomist.aspx>

(916) 558-1784

LFSphlebotomy@cdph.ca.gov

California Dept. of Public Health

PO Box 997377

MS 0500

Sacramento, CA 95899-7377

Colorado

Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment

<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/>

303-692-2000

cdphe.information@state.co.us

No certification required by Colorado state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment

4300 Cherry Creek Drive South

Denver, CO 80246

Connecticut

Connecticut State Department of Health

<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH>

860-509-8000

oplcdph@ct.gov

To work as a phlebotomist in Connecticut, you generally have to complete a training program. While some students may complete two-year associate degree programs, these are not necessary to become a phlebotomist. Some programs may require the students become CPR-certified before entering the program while other programs include CPR training as part of the curriculum. Phlebotomists are not required to be licensed in Connecticut.

Connecticut State Department of Health

410 Capitol Ave.

Hartford CT 06134

Delaware

Delaware Health and Social Services

<https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/>

(302) 255-9040

DHCC@delaware.gov

No certification required by Delaware state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

Delaware Health and Social Services

1901 N. DuPont Highway

New Castle DE 19720

District of Columbia

DC Health

<https://dchealth.dc.gov/>

(202) 442-5955

doh@dc.gov

Certification is a requirement for a phlebotomist working in the District of Columbia. In the past, phlebotomists learned their vocation while on the job. Today, medical facilities want to hire a phlebotomist who has been trained and holds professional certification. By hiring a certified phlebotomist, a medical facility is taking the necessary steps to avoid lawsuits and other issues that may occur as a result of hiring an unskilled phlebotomist.

DC Health

899 North Capitol Street, NE

Washington, DC 20002

Florida

Florida Health Department

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/>

850-245-4444

MedicalQualityAssurance@flhealth.gov

Since 2011, the state of Florida does not require certification or licensure for phlebotomists.

Florida Health Department

4052 Bald Cypress Way

Tallahassee, FL 32399

Georgia

Georgia Department of Public Health

<https://dph.georgia.gov/>

(404) 657-2700

PHN@dph.ga.gov

CPTs (Certified Phlebotomy Technicians) need their certification to draw blood from patients. The Phlebotomy Technician Certification program is accredited by the National Commission of Certifying Agencies (NCAA). The National Health Career Association, Inc. issues CPT certifications. Your phlebotomy program will likely provide information about the entire certification process.

Georgia Department of Public Health

2 Peachtree Street, NW

15th Floor

Atlanta, GA 30303

Hawaii

Hawaii Department of Health

<https://health.hawaii.gov/>

(808) 692-7400

webmail@doh.hawaii.gov

Becoming a phlebotomist in Hawaii requires completing a phlebotomy training program that's accredited by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. Phlebotomy training programs in Hawaii do not have any prior education or prerequisite requirements. Although Hawaii does require that certain clinical laboratory personnel be licensed, they do not require licensure of phlebotomists. However, they do recommend certification.

Hawaii Department of Health

1250 Punchbowl St

Honolulu, HI 96813

Idaho

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

<https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/>

(208) 334-0612

Questions@dhw.idaho.gov

In Idaho, phlebotomists must complete specialized training in order to legally work in the field.

Phlebotomy training courses are usually non-degree awarding and take less time to complete, which is advantageous for those who want to seek work in healthcare settings straight away.

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

707 N. Armstrong Pl.

Boise, ID 83704

Illinois

Illinois Department of Public Health

<http://dph.illinois.gov/>

217-782-4977

DPH.MAILUS@illinois.gov

Phlebotomists are not required to be licensed or certified to work in Illinois. However, certification can be obtained voluntarily by meeting the certification requirements set by the agency.

Illinois Department of Public Health

525-535 West Jefferson Street

Springfield, IL 62761

Indiana

Indiana Department of Health

<https://secure.in.gov/isdh/>

1-800-457-8283

<https://faqs.in.gov/hc/en-us/requests/new>

Indiana does not require their phlebotomist be licensed. This state also doesn't require certification.

Indiana Department of Health

2 N Meridian St
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Iowa

Iowa Department of Public Health

<https://idph.iowa.gov/>

(515) 281-7689

<https://idph.iowa.gov/Contact-Us>

If you choose to become a member of the phlebotomist community in Iowa, certification isn't required.

Iowa Department of Public Health

Lucas State Office Building

321 E. 12th Street

Des Moines, IA 50319-0075

Kansas

Kansas Department of Health and Environment

<https://www.kdheks.gov/>

(785) 296-1500

kdhe.info@ks.gov

In the United States, certification requirements vary by state. Only four states require certification: California, Louisiana, Nevada, and Washington. However, other states, including Kansas, have no certification or licensure requirements.

Kansas Department of Health and Environment

1000 SW Jackson St

Topeka, KS 66612

Kentucky

Kentucky Department for Public Health

<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/Pages/default.aspx>

(502) 564-3970

<https://chfs.ky.gov/Pages/contact.aspx>

In Kentucky, a phlebotomist is only required to obtain an associate's degree. Once the educational requirements have been met, the graduate must complete 100 clinical practice hours.

Kentucky Department for Public Health

275 E. Main St.

Frankfort, KY 40621

Louisiana

Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners

<https://www.lsbme.la.gov/content/application-instructions-initial-licensure-clinical-laboratorypersonnel>

(504) 568-6820 - Extension 8004

licensing@lsbme.la.gov

Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners

630 Camp Street

New Orleans, LA 70130

Maine

State of Maine Department of Health and Human Services

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/>

(207) 287-3707

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/about/contact>

No certification required by Maine state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

State of Maine Department of Health and Human Services

109 Capitol Street

Augusta, ME 04333

Maryland

Maryland Department of Health

<https://health.maryland.gov/Pages/departments.ASPX>

(410) 767-6500

<https://health.maryland.gov/Pages/contactus.aspx>

No certification required by Maryland state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

Maryland Department of Health

Herbert R. O'Connor State Office Building

201 W. Preston Street

Baltimore, MD 21201

Massachusetts

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/departments-of-public-health>

1-617-624-6000

<https://www.mass.gov/forms/contact-dph-by-web-form>

No certification required by Massachusetts state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

250 Washington Street

Boston, MA 02108

Michigan

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs>

517-241-3740

SimsT2@michigan.gov

No certification required by Michigan state law, but certification is strongly recommended. Michigan has not established strict guidelines for phlebotomist training or certification. However, most leading health care facilities require experienced professionals to fill those positions and will seek certified phlebotomists.

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

333 S. Grand Ave

P.O. Box 30195

Lansing, Michigan 48909

Minnesota

Minnesota Department of Health

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/>

651-201-5000

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/forms/feedback/mail.html>

No certification required by Minnesota state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

Minnesota Department of Health

P.O. Box 64975

St. Paul, MN 55164-0975

Mississippi

Mississippi State Department of Health

<https://www.msdh.ms.gov/>

601-576-7400

web@HealthyMS.com

No certification required by Mississippi state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

Mississippi State Department of Health

Post Office Box 1700

Jackson, MS 39215-1700

Missouri

Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services

<https://health.mo.gov/index.php>

(573) 751-6400

info@health.mo.gov

While a license to draw blood is not required by law in Missouri, almost all hospitals, blood banks and medical facilities require certification prior to being hired. This requirement is in place for the protection of the patients and to meet requirements handed down by insurance programs such as Medicare and Medicaid.

Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services

PO Box 570

Jefferson City, MO 65102-0570

Montana

Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/>

(406) 444-5622

At this time, Montana does not have any certification or licensure requirements. However, it is important to note that attaining certification is almost always a good idea. Montana

Department of Public Health and Human Services

111 N Sanders, Rm. 6

P.O. Box 4210

Helena, MT 59604

Nebraska

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

(402) 471-3121

DHHS.LicensureUnit@nebraska.gov

Nebraska is one of several states that does not require that phlebotomists have a license, but the state does require that those interested in working in the field obtain a certificate and register with the state.

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

301 Centennial Mall South

Lincoln, Nebraska 68509

Nevada

Nevada Department of Health and Human Services

Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health

http://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/MedicalLabs/Medical_Lab_Personnel_Licensing/

(775) 684-1030 or 775-684-1040

mlyoung@health.nv.gov

Nevada Department of Health and Human Services

Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Medical Laboratory Services

727 Fairview Drive, Suite E

Carson City, NV 89701

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/>

(603) 271-4661

PublicHealthLaboratories@dhhs.nh.gov

No certification required by New Hampshire state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

Public Health Laboratories

Division of Public Health Services

NH Department of Health & Human Services

29 Hazen Drive

Concord, NH 03301

New Jersey

New Jersey Department of Health

<https://www.nj.gov/health/>

1-609-826-7100

<https://www.nj.gov/health/feedback.shtml>

No certification required by New Jersey state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

New Jersey Department of Health

P. O. Box 360

Trenton, NJ 08625-0360

New Mexico

New Mexico Department of Health

<https://www.nmhealth.org/>

(505) 827-2613

<https://www.nmhealth.org/contact/>

No certification required by New Mexico state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

New Mexico Department of Health
Harold Runnels Building
1190 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

New York

New York Department of Health

<https://www.health.ny.gov/>

518-473-0771

dohweb@health.ny.gov

No certification required by New York state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

New York Department of Health
Corning Tower
Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12237

North Carolina

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/>

919-855-4800

DHHS.HR.division@dhhs.nc.gov

No certification required by North Carolina state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
2001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2000

North Dakota

North Dakota Department of Health

<https://www.health.nd.gov/>

701-328-2372

<http://www.health.nd.gov/contact>

No certification required by North Dakota state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

North Dakota Department of Health
600 East Boulevard Ave
Bismarck, ND 58505-0200

Ohio

Ohio Department of Health

<https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/home>

(614) 466-3543

<https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/about-us/contact-us>

Ohio does not require certification for phlebotomists. However, employers may require or expect certification as a condition of employment. This is particularly true in larger metropolitan areas such as Cleveland.

Ohio Department of Health
246 N High St
Columbus, OH 43215

Oklahoma

Oklahoma State Department of Health
<https://oklahoma.gov/health.html>
405-271-5600

No certification required by Oklahoma state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

Oklahoma State Department of Health
123 Robert S. Kerr Ave. Suite 1702
Oklahoma City, OK 73102-6406

Oregon

Oregon Health Authority
<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/Pages/index.aspx>
503-947-2340
OHA.DirectorsOffice@state.or.us

No certification required by Oregon state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

Oregon Health Authority
Public Health Division
800 NE Oregon Street
Portland, OR 97232

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Department of Health
<https://www.health.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
610-280-3464
<https://expressforms.pa.gov/apps/pa/health/contact-us>

No certification required by Pennsylvania state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

Pennsylvania Department of Health
625 Forster St Fl 8
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Rhode Island

State of Rhode Island Department of Health
<https://health.ri.gov/>
401-222-5960
<https://health.ri.gov/contact/>

No certification required by Rhode Island state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

State of Rhode Island Department of Health
3 Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908

South Carolina

South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

<https://www.scdhhs.gov/>

(888) 549-0820

info@scdhhs.gov

No certification required by South Carolina state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

P. O. Box 8206

Columbia, SC 29202-8206

South Dakota

South Dakota Department of Health

<https://doh.sd.gov/>

605-773-3361

DOH.info@state.sd.us

No certification required by South Dakota state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

South Dakota Department of Health

600 East Capitol Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501-2536

Tennessee

Tennessee Department of Health

<https://www.tn.gov/health.html>

(615) 532-5166

tn.health@tn.gov

No certification required by Tennessee state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

Tennessee Department of Health

710 James Robertson Parkway

Nashville, TN 37243

Texas

Texas Health and Human Services

<https://dshs.texas.gov/>

512-776-7111

customer.service@dshs.texas.gov

No certification required by Texas state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

Texas Department of State Health Services

PO Box 149347

Austin, Texas 78714-9347

Utah

Utah Department of Health

<https://health.utah.gov/>

801-538-6003

No certification required by Utah state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

Utah Department of Health
Cannon Health Building
288 North 1460 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84116

Vermont

Vermont Department of Health
<https://www.healthvermont.gov>
802-863-7200

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/about/contact>

No certification required by Vermont state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

Vermont Department of Health
108 Cherry Street
Burlington, VT 05402

Virginia

Virginia Department of Health
<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov>
(540) 949-0137

www.dhp.virginia.gov/AboutDHP/ContactUs

No certification required by Virginia state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

Virginia Department of Health
P.O. Box 2448
Richmond, Virginia 23218-2448

Washington

Washington State Dept. of Health

[https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/MedicalAssis
tant/LicenseRequirements/Phlebotomist](https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/MedicalAssisstant/LicenseRequirements/Phlebotomist)

360-236-4700

nursing@doh.wa.gov

Washington State Dept. of Health
Town Center 2
111 Israel Rd S.E.
Tumwater, WA 98501

West Virginia

West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources

<https://dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

(304) 558-0684

dhhrbcfcs@wv.gov

No certification required by West Virginia state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources
1 Davis Sq Ste 100
Charleston, WV 25301

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Department of Health Services

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/>

608-266-1865

DHSwebmaster@dhs.wisconsin.gov

No certification required by Wisconsin state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services

1 W Wilson St

Madison, WI 53703

Wyoming

Wyoming Department of Health

<https://health.wyo.gov/>

(307) 777-7656

<https://health.wyo.gov/contact/>

No certification required by Wyoming state law, but certification is strongly recommended.

Wyoming Department of Health

2300 Capitol Ave Ste 401

Cheyenne, WY 82001