

**Hagerstown Community College  
OFFICIAL COURSE SYLLABUS DOCUMENT**

**COURSE:** PLB 106 - Phlebotomy Clinical Externship

3 Credits

**INSTRUCTOR:**

**SEMESTER/YEAR:**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course allows students to work in a CLIA-approved laboratory setting and function under the direct supervision of a phlebotomist. The externship is one hundred twenty (120) uncompensated hours in length. Students are expected to perform a minimum of 125 successful venipunctures and several dermal punctures. Phlebotomy competencies will be evaluated by a phlebotomy preceptor(s) and under the direction of a member of the Division of Health Sciences. Before permission to register for the course will be granted, the student is required to attend an informational session and meet with a representative from the Division of Health Sciences. In addition, a mandatory orientation meeting is scheduled prior to semester start. Student placements at externship sites are determined by the Division of Health Sciences and can only be modified at the discretion of the Division. Externship sites are located throughout the tri-state area (MD, WV, and PA) -- they are not limited to Washington County alone. Externship hours are scheduled during the day, Monday thru Friday. A uniform or medical scrubs may be required. Course fee required. Students must receive a grade of "C" or better in all required MAP and PLB courses prior to registering for this course. Total of 120 clinical hours.

**TEXTBOOK:** None

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

1. Integrate knowledge of culture, values, and belief systems when performing phlebotomy procedures.
2. Demonstrate competency by successfully completing 125 venipuncture procedures and several dermal punctures.
3. Demonstrate familiarity with standard precautions, isolation procedures, needlestick safety, and quality assurance procedures.
4. Demonstrate ability to professionally utilize appropriate oral, written, and electronic communication skills.
5. Demonstrate ability to adjust to unexpected events that can arise during blood specimen collections while adhering to safety and quality guidelines.
6. Demonstrate knowledge of legal, regulatory, and procedural guidelines for maintaining patient confidentiality and insuring safe blood collections from various sources through the use of approved collection techniques.

**Total Hours of Coursework:**

To earn one academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 37.5 clock hours (45 fifty-minute "academic" hours) of coursework per semester. Those hours of coursework may be completed through a combination of hours within the classroom and hours outside the classroom. Certain courses may require more than the 37.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit. This 3 credit course achieves the minimum of 112.5 hours of total time by requiring 120 hours of instructional time and 0 hours of student work outside of instructional time.

**ACCOUNTING FOR CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENT**

Assignment/Assessment	Clock Hours
Clinical Assignment	120 hours
Total Hours	120