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National College to Offer Phlebotomy Program

Short-term phlebotomy and ECG program offers students rapid access to high-demand certifications

ROANOKE, Va.- Are you detail oriented and possess a caring personality? You can make a difference by becoming a phlebotomist. Beginning March 21, National College's Bristol, Bartlett, Madison and Nashville Campuses will begin offering a program in phlebotomy plus electrocardiogram (ECG). The program is unique because it will prepare students to sit for the National Certified Phlebotomy Technician (NCPT) and National ECG Technician (NCET) exam certifications during the final course. With these professional certifications graduates will have the credentials they need to immediately start in their career as more healthcare facilities look for certification as a proof of the graduate's level of training.

Phlebotomists perform venipuncture, run lab tests, and are in demand in hospitals, blood banks, and other health care facilities. The ECG portion will provide the student with the knowledge to assess a patient's heart rhythm and rate and record the electrocardiogram. These two tasks are key components of working as a medical support employee at many health care facilities. Courses include Medical Terminology, Basic Anatomy and Physiology I and II, and Health Care Law and Ethics. The courses are also transferrable to National College's medical assisting associate's degree and medical health services management bachelor's degree program as part of the college's progressive education format, which allows students to "earn while they learn" as they advance through their careers.

Students in this 36 quarter hour program will gain the knowledge and real-world experience needed to be successful in this career by preparing for these certifications and hands-on experience in labs and externships. The program can be completed in as few as 22 weeks with appropriate transfer or life experience credit or in 30 weeks for full time study.

"National College always has the students in mind when designing or revamping programs of study," said Diane Morey, Ph.D., vice president of academic affairs - health science education at National College. "This enhanced Phlebotomy and ECG technician program will certainly make graduates be more marketable to health care recruiters."

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