

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Phlebotomy Technician

In this program grouping, students should be able to meet specific technical standards. These standards are the essential skills and abilities needed to be successful in a program, with or without reasonable accommodation. All Technical Standards documents are available for review on the Mid-State Technical College [website](#).

It is important to review and understand these technical standards before applying to the program.

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TECHNICAL STANDARD	DEFINITION OF TECHNICAL STANDARD	EXAMPLES OF TECHNICAL STANDARD
Auditory Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to hear electronic equipment to monitor and maintain safety of the patient. • Ability to communicate with patients and healthcare team members and be able to understand what is being communicated. • Ability to detect audible alarms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detect equipment alarms/sounds.

Behavioral Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to work in an environment with potentially infectious materials. • Ability to demonstrate adherence to safety guidelines and regulations. • Ability to recognize potentially hazardous conditions and take appropriate actions. • Ability to maintain immunization and health care requirements. • Ability to utilize personal protective equipment. • Ability to operate lab equipment, adhering to lab safety standards. • Ability to maintain confidentiality. • Ability to adhere to attendance, dress code, and personal hygiene protocol. • Ability to accept accountability. • Ability to display integrity, honesty, and responsibility. • Ability to comply with legal and ethical standards of the medical profession, and policies of the phlebotomy program. • Ability to demonstrate appropriate impulse control and professional level of maturity. • Ability to handle demanding clinical assignments and handle the stress that goes with it. • Ability to demonstrate calm and effective behavior and responses, especially during emergency situations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time management of multiple priorities, multiple stimuli in fastpaced environments. • Calmly react to urgent situations. • Satisfactory intellectual, emotional, and psychological health and functioning to ensure patient safety and to exercise independent judgment and discretion. • Follow established safety and emergency response procedures. • Work safely with potentially biohazardous biological specimens. • Perform multiple tasks and establish priorities. • Recognize own stress level and communicate need for assistance appropriately.
Communication Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to effectively express oneself in English in verbal, nonverbal, and written formats with faculty, students, patients, and families, and other healthcare team members. • Ability to read, identify, and chart data as needed. • Ability to understand charts, graphs, and worksheets. • Ability to interact with patients, family, and medical staff in a timely and professional manner. • Ability to follow proper phone protocol. • Ability to speak, write, and understand English. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satisfactory speaking, reading and writing skills to effectively communicate in English. • Maintain clear, concise and accurate laboratory records and reports.

<p>Critical Thinking Skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to apply knowledge and experience to determine best/safe practice for phlebotomy. • Ability to prioritize care of patients. • Ability to identify and resolve unsafe situations. • Ability to implement and adapt to all technical and blood drawing procedures. • Ability to follow emergency procedures as needed. • Ability to problem solve complex situations. • Ability to add, subtract, multiply, and divide with or without use of a calculator. • Ability to distinguish metric system units of measurement. • Ability to tell time. • Ability to read and comprehend procedure manuals and policies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize workload and manage time to complete technical tasks within realistic time limits. • Read and comprehend text, numbers, and graphs displayed in print or on a digital/video monitor. • Solve problems and consider consequences of solutions. • Identify cause-effect relationships in laboratory situations, recognize patterns. • Analysis, synthesis skills, and comprehension of detailed instructions. • Set realistic expectations to meet requirements. • Critically evaluate performance, accept constructive criticism, and be responsible for improving performance.
<p>Interpersonal Skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to establish effective relationships with clients, families, and staff. • Ability to show respect for diverse populations. • Ability to identify patients. • Ability to work independently and in team. • Ability to establish a professional working rapport with phlebotomists, phlebotomy lead(s), laboratory managers and supervisors, nurses, physicians, as well as patients. • Ability to exhibit positive interpersonal skills in patients, staff, and faculty interactions. • Ability to recognize appropriate boundaries in relationships with patients and colleagues. • Ability to demonstrate good team building skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support peers and health care professionals to promote a team approach to learning, task completion, problem solving, and patient care.
<p>Mobility and Motor Skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to manipulate equipment through adequate gross and fine motor skills, stoop, bend, or turn while providing safe patient care. • Possess sufficient strength to assist patient(s) who may have physical strength deficits. • Possess endurance, strength, mobility, balance, flexibility, and coordination to perform client care activities and emergency procedures. • Possess gross and fine motor skills to perform clinical skills in a safe and effective manner. • Ability to stand, sit, or walk. • Ability to bend, stoop, modified squat, kneel, twist, and reach in all directions. • Ability to move freely. • Ability to move in confined spaces. • Ability to maintain balance. • Ability to move quickly. • Ability to operate laboratory equipment and computers. • Ability to wear personal protective equipment. • Ability to transport collection trays. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satisfactory physical strength and endurance to be on feet for extended periods and to move heavy equipment and supplies. • Lifting a 20-pound weight from the ground to waist level.

Olfactory Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to detect abnormal odors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to detect alcohol or abnormal breath.
Tactile Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to squeeze, grasp, twist, pinch, and manipulate small objects. • Possess adequate sense of touch to monitor patients and detect health needs/abnormalities. • Ability to detect/feel depth of veins and arteries. • Ability to detect vibrations through skin. • Ability to detect subtle differences through skin. • Ability to detect temperature. • Ability to detect swelling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye-hand coordination and dexterity to manipulate equipment.
Visual Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to visually observe patients, read records, patient charts, and equipment. • Ability to visually monitor patients during day and evening lighting. • Ability to see clearly (both near and far), including peripheral vision and depth perception. • Ability to detect and identify different color. • Ability to identify labels and requisitions (e.g., patient ID bands). • Ability to detect changes in skin color. • Ability to read and measure. • Ability to read and enter information into patient charts or computer record. • Ability to observe patient while in care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sufficient vision to read records, manipulate equipment, and visually read procedures, graphs and test results.

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