

## Level 3 Certificate

### Introduction to Phlebotomy (FP139)

**Credits:** 2 | **Awarding Body:** OCNCredit4Learning | **Duration:** 2 Days | **Price:** £247 (exc. VAT)  
**Day 1:** Online (Full-day) | **Day 2:** Dedicated session in the classroom

**Day 2 Venue:** Victoria Medical Centre, 29 Upper Tachbrook Street, London SW1V 1SN

#### Course Description

This comprehensive 2 day introductory course combines online teaching of essential theory in phlebotomy and classroom based practical blood taking skills using simulated limbs. Our expert trainers will lead interactive presentations covering the requisite technical and scientific knowledge for practicing phlebotomy, after which you will spend a dedicated session developing your practical blood drawing skills on simulated limbs. On completing this course, you will receive a UK accredited **Level 3 Certificate** and be ready to progress to our Live Bloods Clinic Sessions (Part 2).

#### Entry Requirements

- None, though all teaching is delivered in English.

This course is **suitable** for:

- Individuals of any age, background and level of qualifications seeking to train as phlebotomists
- Experienced healthcare or medical professionals seeking certification in phlebotomy
- Those looking for a solid point of entry into the healthcare sector

#### Course Content

##### Unit 1: Introduction to the Healthcare Setting

- Phlebotomy: Past & Present
- Introduction to Infection Control
- Methods of Infection Control

##### Unit 2: Phlebotomy in Theory & Practice

- Blood Circulation & the Cardiovascular System
- Blood & Related Physiology
- Phlebotomy Equipment & Procedures

Practical techniques taught across both units:

- Infection control, choosing a venepuncture site, using equipment hygienically and carrying out venepuncture safely
- Safe disposal of waste, cleaning and dressing puncture sites, the order of draw and labelling venous blood samples

#### Learning Outcomes

Factual Understanding of:

- ✓ The history of phlebotomy and duties of modern day practitioners
- ✓ The nature of infection and how to mitigate its spread using effective infection control techniques
- ✓ The structure of the cardiovascular system, blood vessels, the position of accessible veins and blood clotting processes
- ✓ Factors to consider when selecting the best site for venepuncture
- ✓ Types and functions of phlebotomy equipment and materials
- ✓ Labelling blood samples and the Order of Draw
- ✓ Dealing with common phlebotomy complications

Practical Knowledge of:

- ✓ Maintaining patient care while obtaining a venous blood sample
- ✓ How to choose a suitable site for venepuncture
- ✓ The hygienic use of equipment and the safe insertion and removal of needles
- ✓ How to carry out the procedure for obtaining blood samples safely and with minimal patient discomfort
- ✓ When and how to dress venous puncture sites
- ✓ How to report, record and document venous blood samples
- ✓ How to dispose of waste and sharps safely
- ✓ Reporting incidents, common infectious diseases and universal precautions

#### Certificates & Progression

- Upon successful participation, delegates will receive a **Level 3 Certificate in Introduction to Phlebotomy** (2 credits) awarded by **OCNCredit4Learning** with further references provided as and when required.
- Successful delegates are also eligible to progress to the Live Bloods Clinic Sessions (Stage 2), leading to a **Certificate of Competency** following satisfactory performance awarded by an NHS facility.

