

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **When are the classes offered?**

The courses are offered four times throughout the year. The course dates and application deadlines for the current classes are listed on the front page of the application.
- **What is the schedule for the classes?**

The course is 5 weeks in duration. All classes are held during the day, Monday thru Friday, 8 hours a day. The daily schedule varies depending on what part of the rotation a student is in. The possible times for class are: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and 3:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There are no evening classes available.
- **Is financial aid available?**

We do not offer financial aid through the hospital.
- **Are graduates of the Program automatically hired by Saint Luke's?**

All graduates of the Program are eligible to apply for any open positions, however, positions are not guaranteed to graduates. (Note: Since the beginning of the Program in 2003, Saint Luke's has hired over 50% of our graduates.)
- **Do you offer job placement to graduating students?**

We do not offer job placement at this time.
- **What about tuition reimbursement?**

Tuition reimbursement is not available.
- **What is the job outlook for phlebotomists?**

As is the case with many of the health care professions, phlebotomists are in high demand. They are employed in hospitals, clinics, physician offices, and laboratories among others.
- **What type of salary can a phlebotomist expect?**

In the Kansas City area, entry level phlebotomists can expect to make around \$12.00 per hour. The upper limit of the salary range for experienced phlebotomists is around \$18.00 per hour. The addition of shift and weekend differentials can increase base salary by \$1.00 to \$3.00 per hour in many cases.
- **What if I can't find my high school diploma?**
- Proof of high school graduation or a GED is a requirement for entry into the Program. Try contacting your high school or the Board of Education for your school district to obtain a copy. If you have attended college, you can submit a transcript of your college courses in place of a diploma.
- **What if I don't have my immunization records?**

You can obtain immunizations from your doctor or local health clinic. Another option is to have a blood specimen drawn to check for immune status. You can have this done at your doctor's office or we can do this for a fee. Unless you want this information for your own records, we recommend waiting to pursue this until you are accepted into the Program to avoid unnecessary expense.