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NOCN Level 3 Diploma in Phlebotomy

OVERVIEW

- What is the primary purpose of the qualification?

The primary purpose of the NOCN Level 3 Diploma in Phlebotomy is to confirm your competency in the role of a practising phlebotomist possessing skills in the specialist areas of blood sampling, cannulation and paediatric phlebotomy.

- Who is this qualification for?

The qualification has been designed for learners currently working within the healthcare professions or associated areas of employment where blood taking/testing is required. Such environments could include doctors' surgeries, dental practices, research departments of universities, professional sporting clubs, or occupational health providers. It provides you with the essential theoretical knowledge, understanding and additional skills necessary to undertake the specific role of a phlebotomist possessing specialist skills in the areas of blood sampling, cannulation and paediatric phlebotomy.

The qualification is also suitable for you if you are currently employed as a phlebotomist and wish to further develop and extend your skills and knowledge relating to phlebotomy.

The qualification requires you to undertake a significant amount of relevant, supervised practical work.

- What prior qualifications/levels of attainment does a learner need to take this qualification?

NOCN have not set any formal entry requirements for this qualification. However, some training providers may set their own entry requirements. To take this qualification, you should be aged 18 years or over and currently working within the healthcare sector or an associated area of employment where blood taking is required. Ideally, you will have already achieved a Level 2 qualification in a related subject area.

- What is the content of the qualification?

To gain this qualification you must achieve 37 credits from 15 mandatory components. The qualification provides you with the knowledge, understanding and practical skills required to undertake the role of a phlebotomist possessing specialist skills in the areas of blood sampling, cannulation and paediatric phlebotomy including:

- Understanding laboratory techniques;
- Infection prevention and control;
- Waste management;
- Caring for patients;

- Phlebotomy skills and techniques
- Paediatric phlebotomy
- Capillary blood sampling
- Cannulation

The key topics you will cover are:

- Keeping accurate patient records and understanding policies and procedures;
- Communicating effectively with patients and gaining consent from adults and children;
- Caring for patients throughout the phlebotomy procedure;
- The causes and transmission of infection and the principles and practicalities of infection prevention and control;
- The theory and practice of capillary blood sampling;
- The benefits of cannulation and using a cannula;
- Good waste management and the decontamination process;
- Methods of obtaining blood from patients, including children;
- Retaining the integrity of the sample;
- Potential complications of venepuncture and how to manage them.

You will respond to a range of tutor-led assignments and demonstrate your ability to carry out phlebotomy procedures to required standards. You will also gain essential skills and knowledge related to waste management, infection control and laboratory techniques.

WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

- Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?

The qualification will confirm your occupational competency as a phlebotomist. To achieve this qualification you will undertake 284 hours of learning. You could achieve the qualification in less hours if you have previous, relevant knowledge and skills. This will be agreed with the Training Provider at the start of your course.

- Will the qualification support progression to further learning, if so, what to?

This qualification primarily confirms your occupational competence as a phlebotomist possessing specialist skills. However, after achieving the qualification you could go on to further learning at Level 4 within the healthcare sector.

- If there are larger and/or smaller versions of this qualification at the same Level, why should a learner take this particular one?

The Level 3 Diploma in Phlebotomy is one qualification within a suite of three including a Level 3 Award in Introduction to Phlebotomy and a Certificate in Phlebotomy. This diploma-sized qualification builds on both the introductory Level 3 Award and the Level 3 Certificate. It extends your knowledge and skills in the specialist areas of capillary blood sampling, cannulation and paediatric phlebotomy.

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

This qualification is supported by employers including:

- The Clapham Park Group Practice, London
- The Spilsby Surgery, Lincolnshire

and

This qualification is supported by NOCN centres including:

- Phlebotomy Training Services, Northallerton

FURTHER INFORMATION

If further information is required, please contact the NOCN Business Development Team:
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