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SPC changes start date for basic phlebotomy course

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will offer a basic phlebotomy course starting Monday (Nov. 9) and runs through Dec. 16. Classroom and clinical instruction in skill development of blood collection methods will be provided.

The tuition is \$390 plus a required textbook, “The Complete Textbook of Phlebotomy,” 3rd Edition by Lynn B. Hoeltke. The course will have 24 hours of classroom instruction Monday through Thursday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 101 of the Technical Arts building Monday (Nov. 2) through Dec. 2. The 24 hours of clinical instruction will be arranged from Nov. 30 through Dec. 16.

Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR, Tetanus, Hepatitis B series and a current negative TB test. Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR, Tetanus not older than eight years, Hepatitis B Series and have a current negative TB test not older than six months, photo identification and social security card.

The course covers vacuum collection devices, syringes, capillary skin puncture, butterfly needles, blood culture and specimen collection on adults, children and infants. A strong emphasis will be placed on infection prevention, proper patient identification, labeling of specimens, quality assurance, specimen handling, processing and accessioning.

Students that satisfactorily complete the course will receive a certificate for 4.8 continuing education credits. Enrollment is limited to 10 students.

For more information, contact the SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education at (806) 716- 2341.

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