

# Metro Atlanta TOP JOBS

## HEALTHCARE



## Phlebotomists

Standard Occupational Classification Code: [319097](#)

**Also known as:** Lab Liaison Technician, Mobile Examiner, Patient Service Technician (PST), Phlebotomist, Phlebotomy Technician, Registered Phlebotomist

### Are you good at ...

- Paying attention to detail?
- Showing concern for others?
- Being reliable, responsible, and dependable?
- Being honest and ethical?
- Accepting criticism and dealing calmly with high-stress situations?

### A Day in the Life

Being a Phlebotomist means a career in working with blood draws, medical tests, and other drawing equipment. You will draw blood from veins by vacuum tube, syringe, or butterfly venipuncture methods or Draw blood from capillaries by dermal puncture, such as heel or finger stick methods. You will collect specimens at specific time intervals for tests, such as those assessing therapeutic drug levels. Conduct standard tests, such as blood alcohol, blood culture, oral glucose tolerance, glucose screening, blood smears, or peak and trough drug levels tests.

You will enter patient, specimen, insurance, or billing information into computer. You will conduct hemoglobin tests to ensure donor iron levels are normal and transport specimens or fluid samples from collection sites to laboratories. You will collect fluid or tissue samples, using appropriate collection procedures. You will explain fluid or tissue collection procedures to patients and train other medical personnel in phlebotomy or laboratory techniques. You will perform saline flushes or dispense anticoagulant drugs, such as Heparin, through intravenous (IV) lines, in accordance with licensing restrictions and under the direction of a medical doctor.

### How do I get into this top job?

This job generally requires training in a vocational school or related on-the-job experience. Training programs and tests may be expensive, but you might not have to pay for all of it yourself. If you are low income, ask your job coach, career counselor, training, or workforce development specialist about assisting you with your training expenses. It might be free!



### What they earn in Metro Atlanta:

Entry Wage: **\$11.41**  
Median Wage: **\$15.28**



### What makes this a Top Job?

They're in high demand. The Georgia Dept. of Labor estimates there will be 260 openings per year through 2026! Additionally, this job pays above average wages.



### Educational Requirement



Postsecondary  
Non-Degree Award



### On-the-Job Training



None



### Related Occupations

Check out these similar careers on O\*NET online:

- [Registered Nurse](#)
- [Licensed Practical Nurse \(LPN\)](#)
- [Medical Assistants](#)

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