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Career Journal: Phlebotomist

The act of phlebotomy technically means an incision into the vein. A phlebotomist is a professional blood collector within a laboratory (preferably a medical laboratory). The main goal of this position is to preform appropriate procedures in order to assure the patient of pure safety. Once the blood is collected, the phlebotomist is responsible for transporting and analyzing the blood. A college degree is not necessary, but is certainly a bonus if medical education was received. Although a college setting is not required, most individuals in this field have some classroom and real-life training in order to receive their certification. The average salary of a phlebotomist is just under thirty thousand dollars a year.

Personally, I would not want to do this job just because of the stress. It seems stressful having to make sure the needle is perfectly sterile, needs to go into a specific spot on the body, and carefully transporting the blood. Also, many people are nervous around needles. If people are nervous, I become as well. Therefore, this job is not for me.

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