

Phlebotomy

This course provides the nurse and midwife with the skill, theory and practice of phlebotomy. The course will begin by discussing accountability in undertaking phlebotomy. It will cover topics such as sites used for phlebotomy, criteria for evaluating a vein, principles of an aseptic technique as well as complications that may arise during and after the procedure. Guidance will be given on how to reassure the individual in relation to the procedure and on gaining their consent. The ultimate aim of the course is to advise nurses and midwives on how to carry out phlebotomy in a competent and safe manner.

This course will provide the necessary knowledge and skills to undertake phlebotomy; however, it will be necessary for each nurse and midwife attending to ensure that they abide by their local policy on phlebotomy in their place of work.

Outline of Day

Note: Category 1 Approved by Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI)

09.15	Registration
09.30	Introduction and Learning Outcomes
09.35	Accountability / Scope of Practice / Local Policies
10.45	Tea/Coffee
11.05	Applied Anatomy and Physiology Advantages and Disadvantages of Different Methods Used in Phlebotomy Complications
11.35	Workshop in Phlebotomy
12.50	Multiple Choice Question Test
13.30	Questions and Answers and Course Evaluation
14.00	Close

Aims and Objectives

- To educate nurses and midwives in such a way that they will be able to carry out phlebotomy in a competent and safe manner.
- To promote awareness of the nurse's/midwife's accountability in undertaking phlebotomy.
- To provide a list of the sites suitable to be used for phlebotomy.
- To identify the criteria for evaluating a vein.
- To increase knowledge on and to promote adherence to the principles of an aseptic technique.
- To advise participants on how to reassure the individual in relation to the procedure and to gain their consent.
- To provide information on complications that may arise during and after the procedure.