Phlebotomy for Research

CDPH- LFS has definite standards for the CPT 1 certificate, there is no more grandfathering in. The process is the same regardless if an applicant has been drawing research samples for years. They will still need to submit proof of the academic record as a HS degree or GED is required, and also proof of phlebotomy didactic training and clinical hours of drawing samples for clinical testing either outside of CA or under the purview of a CA approved phlebotomy training program.

The state website may be found at https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OSPHLD/LFS/Pages/Phlebotomist-CPTI.aspx

Phlebotomy Technician I (CPT I) Certificate
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Certified Phlebotomy Technician I (CPT I) Certificate. Thank you for your interest in the California Certified Phlebotomy Technician I certificate.

The phlebotomy practical experience/internship - is the tricky part for research phlebotomists seeking state certification so they may start to draw clinical patient samples. The challenges may be:

- Work experience as an unlicensed phlebotomist in CA cannot count- If they performed phlebotomy outside of CA and they hold a phlebotomy license in another state where they were previously performing clinical phlebotomy, those hours will count toward a CA CPT I license.
- In CA an unlicensed individual cannot performed venipuncture for clinical lab testing- so therefore the state knows no clinical hours outside an approved training program could count toward the licensing required hours
- Phlebotomy for research does not count for the CPT I license as the state sees the technique as "untrained"/outside of licensing requirements- similar to animal phlebotomy and therefore this type of phlebotomy experience is invalid for the required hours of hands on phlebotomy for the certificate.
- Any phlebotomy performed for clinical lab testing MUST be performed by an appropriately licensed individual.

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