

CHART A COURSE

The perfect specimen

Course Certificate III in pathology

The next time you get a medical test, consider the person behind the needle.

"Pathology collectors are specialists at selecting samples, so that testing can be done really well," the chief executive of Australian Health Professional Training Solutions, Cristina Anzellotti, says.

Technical skills are important, but Anzellotti says pathology collectors also need to be good with people.

Pathology collectors work in medical centres, blood banks or hospital collection areas.

"Sometimes nursing students use it as a job which helps develop their people skills while they are studying, or mothers work in a lab with family-friendly hours," Anzellotti says.

Although much of the assessment is done online, the face-to-face component ensures participants understand both sides of the experience, which means practice at both giving and receiving injections.

Cost \$2800. NSW participants may qualify for funding under the government's Strategic Skills Program.

Duration Six to 12 months, self-paced.

Time Blended delivery. Start with five days in person, finish with online components and assessment at home.

Where National.

When Face-to-face component starts three times a year.

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