

Becoming a Specialist in Blood Banking (SBB)

Who is a certified Specialist in Blood Banking (SBB)?

- This person has educational and work experience qualifications and has passed the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) board of registry (BOR) examination for the Specialist in Blood Banking.
- This person has advanced knowledge, skills, and abilities in the field of transfusion medicine and blood banking.

Individuals who have an SBB certification serve in many areas of transfusion medicine:

- Serve as regulatory, technical, procedural, and research advisors
- Perform and direct administrative functions
- Develop, validate, implement, and perform laboratory procedures
- Analyze quality issues preparing and implementing corrective actions to prevent and document issues
- Design and present educational programs
- Provide technical and scientific training in transfusion medicine
- Conduct research in transfusion medicine

Who are SBBs?

Supervisors of Transfusion Services	Managers of Blood Centers	LIS Coordinators	Educators
Supervisors of Reference Laboratories	Research Scientists	Consumer Safety Officers	
Quality Assurance Officers	Technical Representatives	Reference Lab Specialists	

Why become an SBB?

Professional growth Job placement Job satisfaction Career advancement

How does one become an SBB?

- Attend a CAAHEP-accredited SBB Technology program **OR**
- Take the examination based on criteria established by ASCP for education and experience.

However: In recent years, a greater percentage of individuals who graduate from CAAHEP-accredited programs pass the SBB exam.

Conclusion: The **BEST** route for obtaining an SBB certification is to attend a CAAHEP-accredited Specialist in Blood Bank Technology Program.

Facilities with CAAHEP-accredited programs, onsite or online, are listed below.

Additional information can be found by visiting the following Web sites: www.ascp.org, www.caahep.org, and www.aabb.org.

Florida	LifeSouth Community Blood Centers*	Gainesville, FL
	OneBlood, Inc.*	St. Petersburg, FL
Illinois	Rush University	Chicago, IL
Louisiana	LifeShare Blood Center	Shreveport, LA
	University Medical Center New Orleans	New Orleans, LA
Maryland	National Institutes of Health Clinical Center	Bethesda, MD
	Walter Reed National Military Medical Center	Bethesda, MD
Minnesota	American Red Cross Biomedical Services	St. Paul, MN
Texas	School of Blood Bank Technology	San Antonio, TX
	University of Texas Medical Branch	Galveston, TX
Wisconsin	Versiti Wisconsin, Inc.	Milwaukee, WI

*CAAHEP accreditation pending