

# Introduction to Phlebotomy Course



A two day course in venepuncture leading to a Certificate of completion in Phlebotomy.

## Grants & Funding Guide

It may be possible for you to receive funding or a grant towards your training, particularly if you have recently been made redundant or are unemployed. The following is by no means a complete list of options – frequently there are local charities and trusts who help specific categories of applicants:

### Obtaining financial assistance:

Professional and Career Development Loans are bank loans that can be used to help pay for work related learning. You can borrow between £300 and £10,000 to help support the cost of up to two years of learning (or three years if it includes one year's relevant unpaid practical work). The Young People's Learning Agency will pay the interest on the loan while you are learning and for one month afterwards. The loan can be used to pay course fees or other costs such as travel and living expenses.

### Government Funding Options:

For further information on financial assistance to support your learning log on to:

[Direct.gov.uk](http://Direct.gov.uk) and search for: "Adult learning and skills", or contact Careers Advice on 0800 100 900

or log on directly at: [www.careersadvice.direct.gov.uk/helpandadvice/helpwithfunding/searchAtoZ](http://www.careersadvice.direct.gov.uk/helpandadvice/helpwithfunding/searchAtoZ) to search for funding providers.

### NHS Funding:

The Skills Funding Agency will pay the tuition costs for a range of courses if you're receiving the following benefits:

- \* Jobseeker's Allowance
- \* Council Tax Benefit
- \* Housing Benefit
- \* Income Support,
- \* the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit, or
- \* Working Tax Credit (as long as your household income is less than £15,050 a year).

You may also qualify if you're not working and are part of a couple with someone who gets one of the benefits or tax credits listed above.

For more information log onto: [www.nhs.uk/CarersDirect](http://www.nhs.uk/CarersDirect) and search for "learning for free"

### Turn2Us:

Turn2Us is a charitable service which helps people access the money available to them – through welfare benefits, grants and other help.

This free, accessible website has been designed to help you find appropriate sources of financial support, quickly and easily, based on your particular needs and circumstances.

### Jobcentre Plus:

Jobcentre Plus is a part of the Department for Work and Pensions: [www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk](http://www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk)

Additionally, if you are over 50, then you may be eligible for a training grant through Jobcentre Plus.

For more about the New Deal 50 Plus log on to [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk) and search for "New Deal 50 plus"

### Train to Gain:

A list of potentially useful links can be found on this website at:

[http://www.traintogain.gov.uk/toolsandresources/Useful\\_Links/](http://www.traintogain.gov.uk/toolsandresources/Useful_Links/)

### Royal British Legion:

Service leavers and ex-service people free advice and interest free loans of up to £5,000

Log on to: [www.britishlegion.org.uk/can-we-help](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/can-we-help) for more information.

### Funding Education:

Another very helpful website can be found at: [www.fundingeducation.co.uk](http://www.fundingeducation.co.uk) and click on the funding tab

### A4e:

A useful website with a section on grants, log on to: [www.mya4e.com/4-People/Grants-and-Benefits](http://www.mya4e.com/4-People/Grants-and-Benefits)

### General help:

A good website for general help and advice can be found at: [www.learndirect.co.uk](http://www.learndirect.co.uk)

## Local assistance - Milton Keynes area grant/funding opportunities:

If you are currently unemployed or have been away from the workplace and would like to get your career moving then help is at hand.

If you are under 25 years of age, Work Based Learning for Adults is a FREE programme designed to meet your needs. Help is available with literacy, numeracy, Job Search, occupational skills, confidence building and much more...

For more information contact one of the providers listed below.

JHP Training, Medina House, 330-332 Sibury Blvd, Central Milton Keynes  
Tel 01908 691712 Fax 01908 691547

Shaw Trust, Watling Way Centre, Galley Hill, Milton Keynes, MK11 1PA  
Tel 01908 302970 Fax 01908 461549

Training Network, Unit 55-59 Brunell Centre, The Concourse, Bletchley, MK2 2ES  
Tel 01908 630554 Fax 01908 630556

Rathbone Community Industry (C.I.), Acorn House, Midsummer Blvd, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3HP  
Tel 01908 230880 Fax 01908 230889

Milton Keynes Manpower Forum, Norfolk House, 88 Saxon Gate West, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 2DL  
Tel 01908 677715 Fax 01908 230075

## Local assistance - Luton and Bedford area grant/funding opportunities:

### The Harpur Trust:

Now known as The Bedford Charity, is one of the bigger single-town charities, distributing around £1/2m each year to organisations operating in the borough of Bedford, and it now has an online application process as part of its extremely informative website at [www.bedfordcharity.org.uk](http://www.bedfordcharity.org.uk) or specifically: [www.bedfordcharity.org.uk/grants/priorities\\_ed\\_individ.html](http://www.bedfordcharity.org.uk/grants/priorities_ed_individ.html)

### The Beds & Luton Community Foundation:

Dedicated to improving the quality of community life of Bedfordshire people, and in particular those in special need by reason of disability, age, financial or other disadvantage.

There is a General Grants procedure for up to £500-£750, and they also administer Grassroots Grants of up to £5,000.

Contact the Foundation Director, Mark West at The Beds & Luton Community Foundation, The Barn, Buttercup Farm, Hockliffe Road, Tebworth, Beds, LU7 9QA. Tel/Fax: 01525 878142

### Alderman Newton's Educational Foundation:

The Foundation is administered by Bedford Borough Council and offers one-off grants to young people (aged 13-25) who live in Bedford (certain areas to the north of the town are excluded). Grants are awarded for educational purposes.

For further details, please contact David Baker on 01234 227203.