



# Student Testimonials

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**LYNDSEY**  
Liverpool course

*“I was offered the position due to the fact that I had successfully passed the course”*

*I have always worked within the administration field of work and felt frustrated at times as I was unsure of which new direction to follow. I became ill some time ago and was in hospital having bloods taken from me daily to diagnose my condition and I thought “I would love to do that” and since then I had an interest in phlebotomy.*

*I recently researched Phlebotomy courses online and found that Geopace supplied a two day course of which I booked and recently attended in Liverpool.*

*It was a small group of approximately 10 people from all backgrounds interested in becoming a phlebotomist, some wanting a career change like myself. I gained a great deal of knowledge and confidence from the course, which was hands on and had excellent teachers. The two days flew by consisting of continual guided assessment and tests and was most enjoyable.*

*After gaining the qualification I applied for a part time job as a phlebotomist within a doctor’s surgery which has since opened up a number of other avenues for me including working towards an NVQ 2 and an immunisation course for flu clinics. The doctors were most impressed that I had taken it upon myself to gain this qualification and have since informed me that I was offered the position due to the fact that I had enrolled and successfully passed the course.*

*If you are looking for a new career I would highly recommend that you complete this two day course which is thoroughly enjoyable.*

LYNDSEY L



**PAUL**  
Rotherham course

*“ The interviewer told me that I had been shortlisted due to completing this course”*

*A Police Officer with over 24 years experience I always had an interest in phlebotomy, however, I thought that you had to have certain qualifications in this field. By chance whilst reading my local paper I saw an advert for a phlebotomy course being held where I live. This was a 2 day course of which I enrolled upon immediately.*

*The class was a small group of people interested in becoming a phlebotomist. Immediately everyone was put at ease, introduced themselves and had tuition from two very knowledgeable trainers.*

*The course is very much hands-on ‘practical’ wise as well as easy to understand course notes of which I still refer to today. Artificial arms were used containing veins and artificial blood.*

*I applied for a part time job as a phlebotomist within the NHS locally to where I reside, mentioning in my job application that I had successfully completed this course. Out of 140 applicants 40 were interviewed including myself for 2 positions. During my interview, the interviewer informed me that I had been short listed to the interview stage due to completing this course prior to applying. I was informed a week later that I been successful in one of the two positions that were vacant in my area.*

*I started my post as a Community Phlebotomist being shadowed initially by experienced phlebotomists and for the previous few weeks am working alone in GP Surgeries and in the community.*

*If you are wanting a career in phlebotomy then this course is a must!*

PAUL S





**SUNNI**  
Rotherham course

*“I was told the following day that I had got the position”*

*I had no previous experience in the medical profession. I was a para-legal working for a well established solicitors firm. Since I got made redundant I started looking into working in a completely different environment all together and phlebotomy really appealed to me especially after coming across Geopace website online and reading the testimonials.*

*I can honestly say the testimonials are true to their every word. They gave me the confidence to book myself onto the two day course in Rotherham and I have never looked back. The course was really fulfilling in regards to information and also fun doing the demonstrations. The tutors are really down to earth and go at your pace.*

*Whilst on the course I applied for a phlebotomist job from the NHS website and after going for an interview I was told the following day I got the position. I am currently waiting for my start date to come through but I can't wait as going on the Geopace phlebotomy course has given me an insight into what procedures I will be involved in.*

*Best decision I ever made was to go on the course and change my career path.*

*Thank you for the stepping stone!*

SUNNI K



**ASHLEY**

Northampton course

*“ ... a few days later they rang and offered me the job ... ”*

*I have been interested in Phlebotomy for a long time but always believed you had to be a trained nurse. A few months ago my granddad told me about a two day course he had seen advertised with Geopace training I attended in Northampton.*

*I found the course to be so informative with really friendly, knowledgeable trainers who made it fun whilst being professional I enjoyed it so much that I booked a live blood taking session course and three on-line courses which were offered at a really good price:-*

*Advanced Phlebotomy & Cannulation Course*

*Medical Terminology Course*

*Neonatal and Paediatric Phlebotomy Course*

*Having completed the initial course I felt confident enough to apply for a Job for the NHS at my local hospital as a Phlebotomist. I informed them on my application, that I had completed the initial course and had enrolled in further courses I really believe that helped me to get an interview.*

*When I attended the interview I told them I would be attending the live blood session course and that I was studying the on-line courses. A few days later they rang and offered me the job stating that they were so impressed with the courses I was studying and the fact that I had took it upon myself to undertake these courses.*

*Without Geopace training I would never have had the confidence to apply for this role which I start next week.*

ASHLEY C



**KATHY**  
Chester course

*“ ... and I was offered the job within hours of the interview ... ”*

*Hi my name is Kathy and I attended my phlebotomy course in Chester. Over the last few years I had become very unsettled and was not enjoying my desk job, although this was very interesting and extremely busy.*

*Attending the Phlebotomy course changed all that. I found the two day course to be extremely informative with clear, concise instructions and thoroughly enjoyed the practical role play. The instructor was both personable and approachable and very quickly put everyone at ease.*

*Soon after attending and passing this course my local hospital trust were advertising for a Phlebotomist. I thought I'd apply and was offered the job within hours of my interview. I think the interviewer was impressed with the fact I had taken it upon myself to attend the training course.*

*After some in-house training, the rest is history. I started at a local GP surgery in February and now have my own clinic Tuesdays - Fridays. I do not work Mondays because I look after my granddaughter.*

*To conclude, I am 56 years old, have a new career and a better work/life balance. Attending the Geopace course was definitely one of the best decisions I have ever made. Thank you.*

KATHY C



**SUZETTE**  
Hull course

*“ ... only have your brilliant training to thank for these opportunities”*

*I have been wanting to write a testimonial / review for a long while!*

*I came to do my training with Geopace for phlebotomy, and I qualified with Geopace Training in 2014. Since then my career has blossomed.*

*I went from being just a receptionist at a surgery to then being employed by an NHS provider as a phlebotomist! This opened a whirlwind of doors for me, I went on to do my Clinical Health Care Assistant training within the NHS and only have your brilliant training to thank for these opportunities.*

*I have now been a phlebotomist / health care assistant for 4 years and still very sought after due to the phlebotomy training that many people lack.*

*Would advise anyone wanting a 'foot in the door' to do this training.*

SUZETTE B





**TRACY**  
Telford course

*“ I landed myself a job in a doctor’s surgery the very next day!”*

*I had always been interested in taking blood after an illness meant that I had to have blood taken every two days for 10 months - believe me this became a very unpleasant experience! So I looked into phlebotomy on-line and found Geopace Training, my husband paid for my course.*

*Two days went really quickly and was so much fun. The teacher made it easy to understand and everything just fell in to place. The second day when he told us our marks I had passed, I put in a call and landed myself a job as a phlebotomist in a doctor’s surgery the very next day!*

*My new boss then paid for me to go to Geopace’s live blood training. I took blood from the teacher I was so nervous but it was great I took about three hours in all and has put me at ease for taking blood from real patients.*

*I would whole-heartedly recommend the course and I am now for fulfilling my dream.*

TRACY G





PAUL  
Darlington course

*“If it wasn't for you guys I wouldn't have the job I'm in today”*

*If it wasn't for you guys I wouldn't have the job I'm in today.*

*The training I received was the best on the market and it made me stand out at the interview, which got me the job, so many thanks.*

*I really appreciate everything you have done for me, even the after sales care and customer service with your admin team, and all the advice has been more than I ever could have imagined, that alone was worth more than what I paid for my courses.*

*Please say a big Thank You to your after-course support team for all the kindness support and encouragement that they gave me as I was going through the process.*

*Geopace Training are the most recognised and the best in the market and I would recommend you to anyone.*

PAUL W



**Geopace Training**



DEBBIE E  
Luton course

*“I started volunteering ... and was taken on permanently. It changed my life”*

*I attended the Luton course - Introduction to Phlebotomy - which was very professionally done. The training staff explained everything step by step over the weekend, and it put me at ease as I didn't know what to expect.*

*My confidence built up and enjoyed the theory and practical sessions and we all worked as a team. In the course there was people from all walks of life and I made new friends also.*

*I was an Administrator for 20 years - and I felt I needed something more where I can help people. I am so pleased I seen the Geopace Course in my local paper and happy to see the course is all over the country.*

*I started volunteering at NHS Portsmouth Hospitals and was taken on permanently. It changed my life, I now take blood in a busy outpatients, as well as visiting local hospitals and doctor surgerys for clinics.*

*I also attended the live blood taking course with Geopace afterwards and now have two certificates which will help me in the future jobs.*

DEBBIE E



HELEN

Milton Keynes course

*“ ... I already run my own clinic, not even a month after starting”*

*I made the decision to do a phlebotomy course as I was stuck in the hospitality industry and I had always wanted to be a nurse. My partner and I have a young child and her father is a postman, so doing a degree would be near on impossible for us.*

*I attended my course in May 2017 with Geopace training. I received outstanding training by the tutor (Jo) in Milton Keynes and within two weeks of passing, I had an interview at my local GP surgery. I started my new job as a phlebotomist on 3rd July and already run my own clinic, not even a month after starting.*

*Jo really did teach me so much. She is a vibrant lady with bags of experience and a wonderful personality too. Jo warned us of the things that can so often (and very easily) go wrong and she was right too, as I deal with these difficulties every day now. She really made me feel at ease to go into this role and be confident in my approach.*

*I am forever indebted to everyone at Geopace training and would HIGHLY recommend this course to anyone considering a similar role.*

HELEN C



## ANNIQUE

Swindon course

*“I now have a job as a phlebotomist with the NHS”*

*As a mother of two with over five years' experience as a Health Care Assistant and frustrated with the way things were progressing I needed a career change. I often thought about being a phlebotomist but I thought it would take years to achieve this qualification.*

*After a short conversation with a nurse I soon learnt about Geopace Training.*

*I attended the two day course in Swindon. The tutors were very professional, patient and knowledgeable. It was a small group and they made the course fun and enjoyable.*

*Afterwards I volunteered at a local surgery twice per week and applied for phlebotomist jobs on the NHS website in my local area. It did take me a while to find a job but I didn't give up and now that I have a job as a phlebotomist with the NHS I am over the moon.*

*If you are thinking of becoming a phlebotomist contact Geopace Training now - they will make it happen for you. They are the best!*

ANNIQUE M





**JULIE**

Portsmouth course

*“3 months after my course  
I have a full time job”*

*I liked the thought of trying phlebotomy for many years then whilst working in my local pub I decided to look in to the introductory training course. I was advised by a local hospital that Geopace was the best course and they found the people who had done this course worked well alongside current employees so I decided to enrol on the course.*

*I did my course at Portsmouth, the teachers were fabulous and made the course easy to follow and fun too. Then after completion I managed to get a voluntary post at a Portsmouth Hospital and now 3 months after my course I have a full time job there.*

*I am very happy and highly recommend this course to anyone wanting a career in phlebotomy. Thank you.*

JULIE K



**MOIRA**  
Chester course

*“ I have been invited to shadow  
in a GP Surgery and in A&E”*

*I thoroughly enjoyed the 2 day course in Chester on the 24th & 25th September, despite being subsequently diagnosed with pneumonia. Guess who needed a blood test herself the following day ironically!*

*I did manage to fly out to Cyprus for two weeks and was well enough and fortunate to get an opportunity to shadow the nurse practitioner at a local medical centre and draw bloods from three patients. My overall technique is not as slick as I would like it yet but each draw was successful first time so I felt really chuffed.*

*I have been invited to shadow practitioners in a GP surgery and A&E in a local hospital to gain more experience and work on my overall technique.*

*I cannot recommend the course highly enough with patient tutelage and excellent course materials.*

*I am most grateful for a course of this nature and comprehensiveness to offer me the opportunity for a part time "career" post retirement.*

*Thank you Geopace.*

MOIRA J



**MELLISA**

Northampton course

*“I cannot thank Geopace enough for their hard work ...”*

*I attended a course with Geopace Training this year and cannot thank them enough. Prior to the course I never thought it possible to be where I am now. I worked as an Medical Centre Apprentice Receptionist studying Business and Administration. Several months into my apprenticeship, I found myself interested in a clinical role. I used an online search engine to find Phlebotomy courses local to me that offer a recognised qualification and found Geopace. Once booked, I had a discussion with my Practice Manager to discuss opportunities and he offered me a role as a Health Care Assistant upon completion of the course. I was overwhelmed.*

*During the course, I met some lovely people from various backgrounds and also made friends. The trainer and her assistant were approachable as I had to ask several questions during the course and upon completion I left with all the information I needed to practice Phlebotomy. The information is also stored as I was having fun whilst learning. The demonstrations were very professional and having one-to-one support whilst carrying out practical sessions made me much more confident. I would recommend this course to anyone interested in learning new skills or hoping to start a career in the health sector.*

*I now facilitate my own clinic within the medical centre performing venepuncture, electrocardiographs and blood pressure readings. I still work as a Receptionist and enjoy both roles equally.*

*I cannot thank Geopace enough for their hard work and dedication to helping me achieve this goal, I could not have done it without their lovely team.*

MELLISA Q



## ROXANN

Rochester course

*“ .. I was offered the position due to the fact that I had put myself through a course with Geopace”*

*I was looking for a job that challenged me ... by chance I came across a course to train as a Phlebotomist, a flash of inspiration hit me, here was a step forward for a potential change of career that didn't require any previous experience but had the potential to open doors to opportunities.*

*Geopace made it incredibly easy to book, courses are available nationwide, one was available within 20 minutes from my home here in Rochester, Kent - convenient!*

*Value for money is how I would describe the course, it was packed with all the essentials and practicals required for the aspiring phlebotomist to get to grips with venepuncture. Learning was made so easy and fun with two fantastic ladies who held the course.... brilliant would be the best word to describe them both. They took the worry away about patient contact with practicals and patience, the course was held at pace but easily understood, and each question was professionally, informatively and efficiently explained.*

*After applying for a position online with the NHS, I was shortlisted within hours, attended an interview, within 3 months I was offered the position, due to the fact that I had put myself through a course with Geopace.*

*I now work on wards on my own, such as CDU, Renal, General and Out Patients.*

*Each day is just brilliant, never dull, the people I meet and talk to, make you realise just how important it is to make the most of your life.*

*Phlebotomy certainly challenges you, but that only makes you more confident as time goes on, as you find yourself inwardly smiling, when you have found, anchored and successfully bled that tricky vein!!!*

*Without Geopace's greatly informative and fairly priced course, amazing instructors, I would still be struggling in my old job. I thoroughly recommend this course for aspiring Phlebotomists. So thank you Geopace you really have changed my life.*

ROXANN D





**VANESSA**  
Northampton course

*“ ... the course and the mentors were fantastic and really knowledgeable ”*

*I was working as a receptionist/admin and thought this is something I could do and set myself a new career goal.*

*I enrolled on the Northampton course - the course and the mentors were fantastic and really knowledgeable. It has taken me 10 months to secure a position of Phlebotomist in my local hospital but my persistence has paid off.*

*The course was brilliant not too hard, easy to follow the group I was with were really nice and everyone helped each other with any questions we didn't know and the teacher was very informative and made the course easy to follow. The practical sessions were great even though it was a synthetic arm it was good to practice on and it was actually easier than I imagined!*

*Thank you Geopace for a push in the direction of my new career goal.*

VANESSA L



STEPHEN  
Portsmouth course

*“Today I got a phlebotomy job  
... whoop whoop!”*

*I have some amazing news; today I got a phlebotomy job whoop whoop!*

*It was my first interview as well and exactly what I wanted. I'm so happy and wanted to let you know.*

*Geopace has been such a great experience for me. I would recommend them 100%, I don't usually do reviews but this time I just have to. After 30 years of working in the same industry, I finally found the courage to follow what I wanted to do which is phlebotomy. I booked a course with Geopace and after looking at many other similar courses thank god I chose correctly.*

*The teachers who held the course were amazing and so patient and knowledgeable and now I start my new job/career as a phlebotomist at the end of the month. I do feel that having done the course and also having this on my CV, helped greatly with me getting a job.*

*Also I would like to thank the office staff who has been of great help and support. Which proved to me how great Geopace are, because they are there for you even after the course has finished.*

*So anyone that is thinking of doing the Phlebotomy Course with Geopace, go for it, you have nothing to lose but so much to gain.*

STEPHEN D



**JOE**  
Reading course

*“Today I started working as a phlebotomist. I am over the moon!”*

*I had my training in phlebotomy (2 day course) at Reading, Berks last year. I did the training to be more employable and a multi-tasker.*

*I was interviewed after the training in Oxford and Ashford Trusts for a trainee phlebomist position but was not successful. I applied again later in a surgery and still not successful. I was so discouraged.*

*But today I have started working as a phlebotomist, under supervision of a practice nurse. I am over the moon!*

*On my first try to draw blood on a real person, I was shaking. But after few draws, I felt more relax and confident.*

*Geopace Training made the difference. My job prospects had widened.*

*Thank you D, my superb teacher! Thank you Geopace, you are a star!*

JOE R



**BECKY**

Portsmouth course

*“ On the same day that I had the interview they called me back offering me the job”*

*I had been working as a home carer and I wanted a change in career. I have always been interested in working in a hospital and I thrive in busy atmospheres and difficult challenges, after doing some research I came across Geopace Phlebotomy Training so booked up straight away.*

*The venue that the course was held was brilliant and the two teachers were brilliant! I enjoyed every minute of the course - it was fun but very interesting. There is a lot more to phlebotomy then I thought!*

*We practiced on the artificial arms which was a real eye opener and the course was presented in detail.*

*I had a interview on the 5th at my local hospital for a trainee phlebotomist position. On the same day that I had the interview the head of the department called me back offering me the job as I had given all my knowledge learnt through Geopace at my interview, which clearly worked!*

*I am now working full time at a large general hospital in Portsmouth in the outpatients department. So far I have taken over 60 bloods and I have Geopace to thank for getting me where I am now.*

*It's an amazing job and the career change has made me extremely happy. I fully recommend this course and can't thank Geopace enough.*

REBECCA T





**DIANA**

London (Houslow) course

*“ ... lovely compliments from a patient which really gave me a boost”*

*I have always been interested in Phlebotomy but did not realise there were courses out there until a colleague Googled it and Geopace appeared.*

*We were a bit sceptical as we thought it would be a very long course.*

*I arrived at the hotel and was directed to the teaching rooms where to my relief I was greeted by the teachers who were fantastic. They got straight into the teaching and at the end of the first day I knew I had learned a great deal, I found it facinating!*

*The teachers made the teaching fun but were also very professional and patient. Everything was explained in great detail and they taught us safety and good practice. On the second day we all got to take blood from the artificial arms, which was scary but excellent. I couldn't wait to get back to work!*

*On Monday I took my very first blood test shadowed by a GP, I was very nervous but she is a very good mentor. The patients were very patient and kind. It has not all been plain sailing - confidence is the key but there were a few times when things went wrong! The trick is not to panic! My boss says don't look at it as a problem but a challenge!*

*I was lucky enough to be invited to the laboratory that we use to shadow the experts there. Wow - they made it look so easy and quick. I have now completed 100 blood tests and I have to say my confidence is growing. I have had some lovely compliments from patient which really gave me a boost. I had a 14 year old patient with very bad glandular fever who had to have his bloods taken every few weeks. I took his blood for the very first time and all went well. In the next few weeks he returned with Mum. His mum said tell Diana what you thought and he said it was the best blood taking he had had - mainly because my hands were so cold he didn't feel a thing!*

*I would highly recommend this course - Good luck!*

DIANA M



**JULIE**  
Bristol course

*“I have just got my first  
job in phlebotomy”*

*Just wanted to thank you as I have just got my first job in phlebotomy. I did a course in Bristol and I was lucky enough to have two great people running the course, who made it enjoyable, informative, friendly and fun to learn.*

*I work as a home care assistant but wanted to learn more and make more of a career for myself, so I saw the course advertised and thought I would love to do that.*

*I think like everyone else I was nervous about doing something like this when you haven't been in a classroom for many years, but on the first day of the course I realised that I had been worrying for nothing! The course tutors that I had were fabulous, they were friendly, helpful and very informative.*

*The course itself was great, it gave me all the information I needed and more.*

*The local doctor's surgery were very impressed with the course I have done.*

JULIE J



**JOANNA**  
Glasgow course

*“I am about to start my new role ... as a Phlebotomist”*

*I just wanted to let you know that following my course in May I am about to start my new role as a Phlebotomist at a transplant clinic in Glasgow.*

*At my interview they were impressed that I had shown initiative and dedication to beginning my own journey to being a phlebotomist by enrolling with Geopace.*

*Due to completing the Geopace course it gave me knowledge and credibility at my interview!*

*I would advise anyone hoping to have a career in phlebotomy to not hesitate and enrol now for this wonderful course.*

*Thank you Geopace.*

JOANNA D.



NICOLA

Northampton course

*“A few weeks later I was informed that I was successful in my application”*

*I have always held an interest in Phlebotomy but have always assumed that it was a role which required a medical qualification. After having my son, and wanting to change my career path I decided to investigate this potential career a little further, and I stumbled upon the course offered by Geopace on Google. I signed up and I have never looked back. I applied for a job as a Phlebotomist. To my surprise, and delight, I was invited to attend an interview. A few weeks later I was informed that I was successful in my application.*

*On day one of the course, I was so nervous as I did not know what to expect, but the tutors and tutorial assistants were so friendly, that we all began to relax. There was a real mix of people on the course. Some were pupils like myself who were there for a change of career and a there was a few who currently worked in medical practices and wanted to further their careers. There was also a couple of medical students who wanted to practice phlebotomy during their break from study.*

*On day two we put all the theory from day one into practice, using the artificial arms. I loved the course and thoroughly enjoyed the practical sessions. The theory was in-depth but as it was taught in a fun, relaxing environment, you did not realise how much you were learning until you put it into practice in day two. All of the teaching staff on the course were so patient and understanding, reassuring, offering as many chances at practicing on the artificial arms as we required until we felt confident.*

*I would recommend this course to anyone who wishes to persue a career as a phlebotomist. It is taught in a fun manner, which created a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. The added bonus for me, was that the course is accredited, and the credits gained from this course can also be used inconjunction with other credits gained in education. I cannot wait to start in my new position and put my new found skills into practice.*

NICOLA I





**LAURA**  
Norwich course

*“ ... an opening became available almost immediately ”*

*I have worked part time in my local medical practice as a receptionist for the last 4 years. During this time I have had the opportunity to observe the different roles within the practice. In order to develop my career, I had spoken to a few colleagues and they suggested to train as a Phlebotomist.*

*Phlebotomy has always interested me so I decided to sign myself up on a course.*

*I attended the Geopace course, Introduction to Phlebotomy, two day course in Norwich in August and haven't looked back since. The course was very interesting, very informative and good fun, especially the practical side - taking blood from a dummy!*

*Fortunately an opening as a Phlebotomist became available almost immediately at my practice and I was offered the position. The first two weeks I was supervised thereafter I have been working on my own. I felt the theory and practical content of the course enabled me to confidently take on this role, and I was lucky to have put this into practise straight away.*

LAURA D



**PATRICIA**  
Rotherham course

*“I now work at a Walk-in Centre  
as well as the Doctor’s Surgery”*

*The course I did with Geopace was the best thing I ever did. The course was interesting and to the point.*

*My favourite part was when we practiced on the training arms.*

*We were given clear instructions with safety coming first. It gave me a clear insight into phlebotomy and I knew that was what I wanted to do for my future job.*

*I then registered with the NHS Jobs website for email alerts. I received an alert for a job which I applied for. I was chosen for an interview, and then received a call to say I had got the job.*

*Because of Geopace and my training with them, it only took me 3 days of practice on a real person and I was then left to do my job on my own. I now work at a Walk-In Centre and also go out to Doctor’s Surgeries to take blood - and this is only my 6th week!*

*So I want to say a big “thank you” to Geopace for my training ... it was the best.*

PATRICIA M



JAYNE

Bolton course

*“ ... so happy that I did this course.  
I know this is the career for me”*

*I work part time as a receptionist in a very large GP surgery in Bury. My youngest son was due to start full time school so I wanted to do extra hours (but not as a receptionist!)*

*I searched the internet for ideas and discovered the phlebotomy course with Geopace. I immediately booked a course in Bolton.*

*I approached my employer to ask if there would be any openings for me when I finished the course. They were delighted as I asked at just the right time!*

*I went on the course which was very well organised, very in depth and very informative. The teachers were amazing.*

*The practicals were such fun .... although I was shaking at first attempt!*

*Once I had finished the course I went into my work place, in my own time, voluntarily to shadow our phlebotomist. I have since successfully taken 42 bloods and will be taking my next 8 plus more this week.*

*I am so happy that I did this course and know that this is the career for me. My employers are that confident in me they have already set up my room for my clinics to start!*

*I thank Geopace so much for giving me this amazing opportunity.*

JAYNE K



JENNY

Northampton course

*“ My training and practise has now resulted in me being signed off as competent”*

*I have worked at a GP practice for nine years - I started just in reception but now do most jobs including prescriptions, cytology admin and recalls and cover for the doctor's secretaries. I enjoy my job but with the prospect of another nine years before I can retire I felt I needed another challenge. At one of my appraisals I mentioned that I would like to do phlebotomy. A few months later I saw the advert for Geopace Training in our local paper and approached our practice manager. I was successful and even better there was a possibility I could have a job doing the Warfarin blood test clinics if all went well.*

*I arrived at the course, excited and nervous! It was brilliant course, friendly instructors who were very informative - we worked at a good pace. The environment in the class was relaxing but the feeling of really achieving a skill was there.*

*The expertise of the trainers was apparent and that gave you confidence.*

*On my return to the surgery I shadowed another phlebotomist. I was able to look and palpate veins and of course I labelled the bottles. After a couple of weeks I worked under the supervision of our charge nurse and began blood taking. It was quite scary at first, especially when the vein was difficult to find, I remembered the training ..... and to keep calm ..... very good advice! My training and practise has now resulted in me being signed off by the nursing sister as a competent blood taker.*

*I thoroughly recommend Geopace Training and would once again like to thank them and the Training Team.*

JENNY H





## RICHARD

Swindon course

*“The course was fantastic ... one of the best I have ever been on”*

*It was seeing the local newspaper advert for the course on a few occasions that initially sparked my interest. I thought the courses looked good but essentially forgot about them and then one day I thought I really must look on the website and find out more, and once I did and read the testimonials I was sold, and I booked locally.*

*My background is in medicine and in fact I qualified as a doctor in 2007. Part of the curriculum included phlebotomy but the training was not great and it got lost amidst learning an array of other practical skills and procedures. As students we were left to scour the wards to take blood. I never really excelled at that time at blood taking and I subsequently left medicine shortly after to pursue other things.*

*Now several years down the line and feeling a little uneasy at not using any of the knowledge and skills from studying medicine I thought change was needed. I thought about what I could do. With a little encouragement from my mum, a trained phlebotomist, I went ahead and did the course.*

*The course was fantastic and I can sincerely say it was one of the best and well organised I have ever been on. It was successfully constructed to allow beginners to feel comfortable but for those with previous experience to feel the pace wasn't slow. The teachers were friendly, knowledgeable and very encouraging. There was in my opinion an excellent balance between theory and practical work, with time to correct errors in technique or misunderstandings etc.... The venue itself was roomy and comfortable, and the participants of all ages and different backgrounds.*

*On completion of the course I applied for several phlebotomy jobs, almost all of which were within the NHS. I secured several interviews quickly and within 5 weeks secured a varied phlebotomy job at a large district hospital. The job involves working on wards, in clinic and in the community. I firmly believe that doing the 2 day Geopace course gave me the edge. At interview they seemed very impressed with the fact that I had undertaken the course and I believe they took it as showing real commitment towards a potential career in phlebotomy. My new supervisor has said how impressed she was with the depth of knowledge of the course and my induction mirrored nicely the content of the induction in my new job.*

*I very much recommend this course as a starting point to learning phlebotomy skills.*

RICHARD C



## PAUL

Swansea course

*“I was offered the position of practice phlebotomist ...”*

*I was made redundant back at the end of April from my post as a Security Officer which I had held for a number of years. Once I had stopped work, I was looking for some thing to do when my wife saw an advert for phlebotomy training.*

*I thought this training would suit me and applied, taking up the training course in July last year.*

*On Day One I was a bit apprehensive as to what the training would be like, but once we got into the theory ... I found it very informative and enjoyable. Day Two was mostly practice and found this enjoyable too. The whole course gave a good foundation for phlebotomy work.*

*At the end of the course the class were given contact numbers for looking for work and a certificate for the course. I went to my local surgery and asked if they would be willing to give me practical experience, which to my surprise they accepted after checking my certificate on completion of the theory course.*

*I started the following week working with the practise phlebotomist, working four hours a week. At the end of eight weeks I was able to do most of the sample collecting myself, I was told that if I did over fifty vein punctures I would have my certificate upgraded to a competency certificate. I was also offered the position of practice phlebotomist at the surgery as the other person wanted to retire. I have now been working at the surgery since 2nd November as the phlebotomist.*

*With the training from Geopace I think anyone could be able to obtain a phlebotomist position.*

PAUL W



DEBRA

Southampton course

*“ ... cannot recommend it highly enough. I have now booked my daughter on the course”*

*I have been singing your praises in relation to the Introduction to Phlebotomy course that I attended in Southampton.*

*Within 28 days of attending and completing your course I had applied for a Phlebotomy post, attended the interview and was offered the job. I am in no doubt that without the course I would not have been in the same position, especially as I had not been working since December 2009.*

*My employers were very interested in the course that I attended and have been impressed with the knowledge and enthusiasm in my new post. I know I have made a great career choice and I very keen for others to experience the success that I have.*

*Our course tutors were fabulous and made it informative and enjoyable, with an element of fun and I consider it to have been money well spent and cannot recommend it highly enough. So much so that I have now booked my daughter onto the course.*

*This was the first job that I applied for following my attendance at the course, so I thought I would just be getting interview experience, so to find I had the job was amazing.*

*Thank you for everything and I am happy to support your company and should you need me to, I would gladly attend courses in my local area and give a brief talk to show the success that I truly believe I have achieved with the help of your course.*

*Good luck in your company's future.*

DEBRA B

SADIE

Portsmouth course

“ ... have been offered  
a full-time job ”

*Hi, I did your training course last month and I have now been offered a full time job from this which is very positive from your training course and I have now gained a job for life.*

*Thank you very much for the fantastic training, Sadie.*

JENNIFER

Stoke on Trent Course

“ I would recommend this first  
step into Phlebotomy to anyone ”

*I recently completed the two day course in Stoke-on-Trent, and I applied for my first phlebotomy job that has come up locally on Monday, had an interview yesterday morning (Thursday) and was offered the job later in the afternoon. I have even been asked to start next week. I will now be working in a local Doctor's practice, all thanks to your course. I would recommend this first step into Phlebotomy to anyone.*

*Regards, Jennifer.*

LISA

Leeds - Bradford course

“ ... I feel your course  
was excellent, value for money ”

*My name is Lisa, I attended your Phlebotomy course in Bradford. The teacher told us that when we were successful on getting a job after the course to let you guys know.*

*I was currently training to be a Health Care Assistant, two days after attending the course I was practicing venepuncture in my working environment with my mentor supervising. I am now confidently taking blood samples from our patients and can I say I really enjoy what I do.*

*Thanks to you guys and the way you put across your courses, it makes you want to learn as it is done in such a way that you remember everything and enjoy it.*

*Once again, well done guys 10/10*

PAUL - Glasgow course

*I have now found a job as a phlebotomist and would like to say big thanks to you guys for all your help.*

JAYNE - Plymouth course

*A very enjoyable course ... better than NHS training. Will definitely recommend to colleagues. (Staff nurse)*





ALICE  
Gloucester course

“  
*everything is going  
amazingly well*”

*I am pleased to let you know that I have been working as a phlebotomist at a GP surgery since taken the previous training with you and everything is going amazingly well.  
All the very best, Alice.*

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ALLIE  
Liverpool Course

“  
*... over the moon that I got the  
job - what a lovely present*”

*Just thought I would send you a message to say that I found out today that I had been successful in getting a position as a phlebotomist I'm so happy and over the moon that I got the job - what a lovely present x.  
Many thanks, Allie.*

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LAUREN  
Southend on Sea course

“  
*... accepted for a job as a  
phlebotomist at Basildon Hospital*”

*I wanted to tell you that after attending the Southend on Sea course in November, I applied and was accepted for a job as a phlebotomist at Basildon Hospital, which covers another 2 hospitals and outside clinics.  
I can't remember the name of the instructor but please could you forward on my thanks to him!!!*

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MARI  
Leicester course

“  
*As a result of being on this  
course I have been able to  
secure a job in my local hospital*”

*I was lucky enough to attend your phlebotomy course in Leicester. The course was taken by a lady called Debbie, I am just writing to say that it was one of the most interesting, informative and well lead courses I have been on. Debbie made the course fun and relaxed while still giving up all the knowledge we needed to pass the course. As a result of being on this course I have been able to secure a job in my local hospital.*

*I would just like to say a huge thank you to Debbie for a lovely two days and wish her all the best for the future. I would be grateful if you would pass this on to her on my behalf.*

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NATALIE

Northampton course

“ managed to get myself ”  
into my GP Surgery

*Hi guys, I just wanted to update the Geopace tutors and say I've managed to get myself into my GP surgery for phlebotomy observations with the nurse!*

*Thanks for all your help with the training; I enjoyed the course so much!*

PAUL

Darlington Course

“ ... and has walked me ”  
straight into a job

*I would just like to let you know that I have secured a job now and start today, so I would like to thank all at Geopace for your expertise and professionalism in the training I have received from you guys, this has been first class and has walked me straight in to a job which I can now build a new career.*

*Once again thank you all.*

SOPHIE

Nottingham Course

“ ... I have got a job at my ”  
local hospital as a phlebotomist

*I undertook a phlebotomy course with you in Nottingham with the trainer, Mark.*

*It was educational and Mark made it fun. I would like you and him to know that I have got a job at my local hospital as a phlebotomist and would like to thank you all for making this possible.*

MARIA

Slough Course

“ I especially give praise to the ”  
tutor who delivered the course ...

*I just wanted to write and convey my thanks to you following my attendance on your Slough Introduction to Phlebotomy course. I have to say, I thoroughly enjoyed it. The course content was excellent and very informative. I especially have to give praise to the tutor who delivered the course in such a very friendly, professional and obviously knowledgeable way. He even brought humour to the course.*

*During my 30 years of working I have attended many courses but have never come across such a naturally talented tutor. He could tutor in anything and still make people want to learn more! His organisation and his methodical approach did not go unnoticed. Thank you all and best wishes.*

**JULIE**  
Liverpool course

“ *I got the job and I now work  
in my local hospital* ”

*I was asked to inform you when I start my role as a phlebotomist.*

*I got the job and I love it!*

*I decided to go for a complete career change so I took the opportunity to join Geopace on a two day course - I found it informative with an excellent tutor whom I found very approachable. I knew after the first morning this course was the start of my new career and as a result I currently work in my local hospital and thoroughly enjoy!*

*I completed the course in Liverpool and I found the course very thorough and it was explained clearly. The course was very enjoyable and I particularly found the tutor professional.*

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**KELECHI**  
Nottingham

“ *... just can't thank you  
enough for all that I have learned* ”

*My name is Kelechi, and I have just concluded the training for phlebotomy in Nottingham.*

*First, will like to appreciate Geopace for such a wonderful and exciting training, just can't thank you enough for all that I have learned and skills gathered, thank you so much!*

*I have since then started sending my CVs, and I have (already) got a call from one of them.*

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**MICHELE**  
Derby course

“ *... I feel your course  
was excellent, value for money* ”

*This is an up date on my plight to be a phlebotomist!*

*Through the hospital I work in as an HCA, I have managed to get signed off as competent yesterday. Now that I have been signed off ... I can apply for other phlebotomist jobs.*

*I just thought you would like to know what I have been up to since attending your course!*

*By the way, I feel your course is excellent, value for money.*

**DEBBIE**  
Basingstoke course

“ *I have no medical background ,,  
... help in starting a new career* ”

*I attended the above mentioned course and wish to congratulate the trainer Steve who demonstrated extensive knowledge on the subject, he delivered the training in a calm and supportive style, which really got the best out of everyone.*

*I have no medical background but feel confident to build on the training I received to start a new career as a Phlebotomist, the training highlighted the need for good phlebotomists and Steve is doing his bit to supply them!*

*Thank you Steve*

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**ELIZABETH**  
Crawley

“ *... can't wait to start bleeding ,,  
people ... on Monday* ”

*I have just successfully completed my 2 day phlebotomy course in Crawley. I am going back to work on Monday ready to start bleeding patients.*

*The course was absolutely brilliant. Debra was an excellent teacher, very good at explaining things that could potentially be very complicated! She took it at a good pace and I thoroughly enjoyed the weekend! I can't wait to get to work tomorrow to start bleeding people!*

*Thank you very much.*

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**EMMA**  
Rochester course

“ *had an interview and  
have been offered the position* ”

*Hi. I completed your introduction to phlebotomy course on 1st & 2nd October.*

*I had an interview a few days ago and have been offered the position!*

*I just wanted to say thank you to our course tutors. They were fantastic and I loved every minute of the course and I can't wait to start my new job.*



Dr. EMMA  
Northampton course

“ ... excellent for those with  
no prior knowledge of phlebotomy ”

*The course was excellent for those with no prior knowledge of phlebotomy or the subjects surrounding this topic, including physiology.*

*The exercise of choosing which bottle for which test was really good.*

SUSAN  
Folkestone course

“ I am a registered nurse and  
OH Specialist and have learnt a lot ”

*We had an excellent tutor. Very well structured. Enough clinical content pitched at a good level.*

*I am a registered nurse and occupational health specialist and have learnt a lot, in particular around the rationale of phlebotomy.*

KRISZTINA  
Nottingham course

“ I have just secured myself a  
post as a community phlebotomist ”

*I just wanted to say Thank You! I attended your phlebotomy course in Nottingham until the day before, having seen an advert in the local newspaper whilst waiting for a takeaway!*

*The course was interesting from start to finish, the tutors were so engaging. I loved every minute of it and am now proud to say that I have just secured myself a post as a community phlebotomist!*

*Thank you Geopace, without your help I would not be starting a new career.*

MARGOT  
Bristol course

“ I have been offered the  
opportunity to start voluntary shifts ”

*I attended the course in Bristol last weekend and the teacher was fantastic!*

*I have been offered the opportunity to start voluntary shifts at the Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth as soon as I can confirm successful attendance of one of your courses. Would it be possible for you to supply such a letter while I wait for the certificate to arrive?*

**YASMIN**  
Bedford course

“ ... they called and offered me the position of Community Phlebotomist ”

*I did not attend the (job) interview on the 1st of November as I was ill. I actually went for it yesterday. Even though they recruited one Phlebotomist on the 1st, they gave me the chance yesterday, as I made it clear that I was very interested. They were going to recruit again, but gave me the chance, as they would only have to start the recruitment process again.*

*I was delighted to hear when they rang me yesterday afternoon, that they have offered me the position of Community Phlebotomist! I really did not think I stood a chance, as in the original advert, it said that they only wanted to interview people who had previous experience of phlebotomy.*

*Of course without doing your course, I would not have had the experience needed.*

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**DEBRA**  
Gloucester course

“ ... I found a phlebotomist job within two weeks of doing this course ”

*I found the course very useful, helpful, and good fun, and boosted my confidence I really needed.*

*I found a phlebotomist job within two weeks of doing this course, and now working in a lovely medical centre in the next village.*

*I would recommend this training course to anyone, I didn't think I could do it but so glad I did. I am so proud of myself, well worth it, thanks to Geopace staff.*

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**SHARON**  
Milton Keynes course

“ ... now working as a locum phlebotomist ... covering 12 surgeries ”

*I would like to say a great big “Thank You”.*

*It has only been 2 weeks since the course but I have handed in my resignation for my current job as first aider at a school and I now have a position as a locum phlebotomist working self employed covering up to 12 surgeries.*

*I could not have done this without your help. Keep up the good work, thank you.*

ELIZABETH  
Glasgow course

“ ... started work as a phlebotomist  
at my local doctor’s surgery ”

*I didn't know what to expect ... so booked my place on the course and it was the best thing I ever did. For 2 days training, the teachers put you at ease and are so helpful. The training was brilliant so informative.*

*I have now started work as a plebotomist at my local doctors surgery and I love it.*

*Thank you so much Geopace for putting me in the right path for my career to progress.*

MARY  
Reading course

“ ... the course put me above other  
candidates who hadn't been  
on a similar course ”

*I attended your course in Reading and I must say it was one of the most interesting courses I have been on. Also the trainers made it fun and enjoyable.*

*Phlebotomy was something I have wanted to get into for some time and going on the course made me realise it was what I wanted to do as a career. I am pleased to say that I will soon be starting at Frimley Park Hospital as a phlebotomist and I really feel that going on the course put me above other candidates who hadn't been on a similiar course.*

*Thank you again it was money well spent.*

DEBBIE  
Hounslow course

“ It has been a great benefit to me. ”  
I have taken over 100 samples

*“A big Thank You”*

*I would like to send a big “THANK YOU” to your teachers for a wonderful training session.*

*It has been of great benefit to me. I have taken over a hundred blood samples with great confidence and competence as a result of the well organised and informed sessions.*

MARY  
Telford course

“ ... I have taken my first bloods ”  
and it went brilliantly

*Thank you so much to (your teachers) for a fantastic course.*

*I also wanted to let them know that I have taken my first bloods and it went brilliantly, so, a very special thank you for giving me the knowledge and confidence to go ahead and be successful in Phlebotomy.*

*Wish you well for the future and thanks Geopace!*

NICOLA  
Northampton course

“ I feel that this course helped ”  
me secure the position

*First of all I would like to say how much I enjoyed the course I attended this weekend in Northampton. Not only was the course well structured and informative, but the friendly nature of the tutor and tutor assistants, also helped create a friendly atmosphere in which to learn, and for me, this made it fun.*

*I start in my new role as a Phlebotomist in a health centre in May. I booked this course well before I applied for this position, as this was a career move that I wished to pursue, and felt that this course would be beneficial. After being interviewed, I feel that this course helped me secure the position, as I was required to have the background theory before commencing.*

LINDA  
Norwich course

“ I attended the course and ”  
haven't looked back since

*... an opening became available almost immediately.*

*I attended the course ... and haven't looked back since. The course was very interesting, very informative and good fun.*



**JULIE**  
York course

“ ... I came away feeling confident ”  
and proud of my achievements ”

*I attended the course at the weekend and was somewhat apprehensive that it would be too challenging and I would be out of my depth. But I was amazed with the teacher's relaxed and fun teaching methods.*

*I learned far more than I expected, and even won first prize in the quiz! I came away feeling very confident and proud of my achievement.*

*Please pass my personal thanks to your staff for being such great tutors. I believe it's the best thing I've done this year and I'm hoping that I will be more than a receptionist this time next year.*

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**DEBORAH**  
Newport course

“ ... an excellent course that your ”  
two staff ran on the above dates ”

*Hello - I would just like to say what an excellent course your two staff ran on the above dates and how exciting they made the course.*

*I cannot thank them enough for a very enjoyable and fun 2 days, please give them my regards.*

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**ALISON**  
Norwich course

“ ... I got a job less than two ”  
weeks later ... I can't wait. ”

*Just to let you know that after completing the Geopace phlebotomy course in Norwich I got a job less than two weeks later! I start next week and I can't wait. Geopace gave me that added extra over the other people wanting the job too!*

*A massive thank you to your amazing team and teachers.*

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**LIZ**  
Glasgow course

“ I have now started working at my ”  
local doctor's surgery and I love it ”

*“I didn't know what to expect, I had worked in a hospital as a HCSW for nearly 7 years. I wanted to do a bit more within the health service. So I booked my place on the course and it was the best thing I ever did. The teachers put you at ease and are so helpful. The training was brilliant so informative.*

*I have now started work as a phlebotomist at my local doctor's surgery and I love it. Thank you so much Geopace for putting me on the right path for my career to progress”*

**SAMANTHA**  
Liverpool course

“ ... I loved every second of it ...  
and I start my new job on Monday ”

*I took your course in Liverpool in July and would just like to let you know that I loved every second of it.*

*Also I start my new job next Monday at the Wirral NHS Hospital.*

*Thank You!*

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**TERESA**  
Cambridge course

“ emailing ... to say that I now  
have a job in phlebotomy ”

*I would just like to say thank you - the course was great, both teachers were very informative.*

*I have secured an interview at Hinchingbrooke Hospital today so fingers crossed this may well be the foot through the door I needed. Once again, thanks to the teachers - you are great!*

And then Teresa emailed us again one week later ...

*I am emailing you today to say that I now have a job in Phlebotomy.*

*Could you please pass this onto the teachers and say “Thanks You”*

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**HAYLEY**  
Milton Keynes course

“ Both teachers were brilliant,  
very helpful and knowledgeable ”

*A friend was supposed to come with me on the course but couldn't make it. Feel as though she really missed out as course was fantastic.*

*Both teachers were brilliant, very helpful and knowledgeable. Information about jobs has given me a lot of ideas and hope for the future.*

*Thank you to both teachers.*

KATIE

Preston course

“ ... I was a receptionist then „  
started doing bloods as extra ”

*“I attended the Introduction to Phlebotomy course in Preston.*

*I thought the training was excellent and it has helped me move up in work, I was a receptionist then started doing bloods as extra but now I am working as a Health Care Assistant in the same workplace”*



LYN

Liverpool course

“ ... amazingly got myself a fantastic „  
job in doctor’s surgery as a phlebotomist ”

*“I successfully completed the Geopace Phlebotomy Course in Liverpool.*

*I just wanted to let you know that I am extremely grateful to your trainers as I have just amazingly got myself a fantastic job in a doctor’s surgery as a phlebotomist!*

*I was trying to gain experience via my local NHS hospital with no luck and was quickly losing any hope of getting any work within this field. I am so excited about this job, so thank you, thank you, thank you!!!*



SARAH

Bristol course

“ ...past couple of months enjoyed „  
a role as Phlebotomist at local surgery ”

*“I would like to thank Geopace. Firstly, I attended a very well ran course back in August, this was ran by two of your excellent trainers (sorry names forgot).*

*Since this training, I have for the past couple of months enjoyed a role as a Phlebotomist at a local Doctor’s Surgery. During a recent conversation with the Practice Nurse, she informed me that I was the first applicant they chose for the post. They were impressed with what I was able to tell and show them (took course notes) about what Geopace had taught me. So would like to say a big thumbs up and thanks for the course”.*

*Sarah - A very happy Phlebotomist !!*



**NICKY**  
Reading course

“  
*... now working as  
a locum phlebotomist*”

*“I attended one of your 2 day courses in November of last year in Reading and as a result I am now working as a Locum Phlebotomist for a company based in London and thoroughly enjoying my work.*

*Thank you”*

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**DENISE**  
Hounslow course

“  
*The course was the best  
thing I ever did*”

*“I would like to send a big Thank You to your teachers for a wonderful training session. It has been of great benefit to me. I have taken over a hundred samples with great confidence and competence as a result of the well organised and informed sessions”*

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**JULIA**  
Plymouth course

“  
*... and have got a job  
at my local doctor’s surgery*”

*“I recently attended your phlebotomy course and would just like to thank the ladies who provided the training. After the course I attended two interviews and have successfully got a job at my local doctor’s surgery”*

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**LAURA**  
Brighton course

“  
*I got the job!*”

*“Don’t know if you are interested, my interview is at East Surrey Hospital. I will keep you informed on how I get on” and then less than a week later ...*

*“I got the job! I am now just waiting on a start date as my CRB check has come back all fine”*

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**SAMANTHA**  
Liverpool course

“  
*I start my new job on Monday*”

*“I took your course in Liverpool ... and would just like to let you know that I loved every second of it. I start my new job on Monday”*



**JAN**  
Reading course

“ ... got myself a voluntary position in my local GP Practice ”

*“Just finished your super dupa course. Learned absolutely loads. Fantastic teachers who were lovely and made learning fun.*

*Your teaching assistant was lovely too - I would recommend this course to anyone.*

*I have already got myself a voluntary position in my local GP practice with a view to full time depending on how I do and I have got Geopace to thank for that. I am going to do this along side my other job.*

*Thank you again for giving me a chance to do something different and I will CERTAINLY be recommending you to my colleagues and friends”*

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**LOUISE**  
Milton Keynes course

“ ... got a job with the mobile blood bank ”

*“With the help of your course I have finally got myself a job as Donor Carer with the Milton Keynes mobile blood bank.*

*I'm so happy and can't wait to start.*

*Thank you again”*

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**SUNDEEP**  
Rotherham course

“ I found out today that I got the job ”

*“I completed your two day phlebotomy course in Rotherham last week and have just got an interview for a phlebotomist job arranged for later this week”*

And then Sundeep emailed us again ...

*“Just to let you know I had an interview for a phlebotomist job yesterday and I found out today that I got the job, working for NHS Rotherham walk-in centre!*

*Thank you for my two day training with Geopace”*

*At the end of our course a feedback form asks for your honest comments and thoughts.*

*Here are just a few ...*

**ALICE - Belfast course**

*“I have nursed for 34 years and am a BSc (Hons.) Specialist Practitioner. I have attended many “blood” related courses over the years and none have covered as much as this course.”*

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**MARY - Dublin course**

*“I really enjoyed the course. The teachers made me feel welcome and totally at ease on our arrival. They brought fun to the learning experience. I am just sorry that the course is not longer because it was so enjoyable and I learnt so much. I feel confident that I could do this as a job. Thanks a mill”*

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**CARRIE - Swindon course**

*“I really enjoyed this course. The teachers were fantastic teachers and put me at ease. They were always approachable and helped with every question I asked. I would highly recommend to anyone”*

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**MARYA - Luton course**

*“I enjoyed this course, I would definately recommend it to others - made me feel involved, interacted and engaged. Kept the flow of learning good by mixing theory and practical. I am really pleased with the course. Thank you”*

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**ALICE - Gloucester course**

*“Pitched at a level appropriate to an audience from all walks of life. Really good that the teachers work in this role as ensured up to date info’.”*

### KIM – Derby course

*“I thoroughly enjoyed the course and I am quite sad that it has come to an end. The visual aids were particularly useful and informative and the practical sessions helped me tremendously.*

*The tutors were also informative, patient and willing to go over any other aspects that I couldn't get my head around, without making me feel like a idiot”*

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### DANIEL – Bolton Course

*“Tutors are warm, inviting and knowledgeable, great communication and a healthy dose of humour thrown into the mix! The course was insightful and full of information, never felt left in the dark”*

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### SARAH – Manchester Course

*“The course was brilliant. Great organisation and good hand-outs. Really helpful and fantastic tutors. Would definately recommend to everyone. Thank you”*

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### HAYLEY – Portsmouth course

*“Brilliant. Hopefully it will help me progress into midwifery or paramedic. I have learnt so much from these last two days”*

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### KEVIN – Bristol course

*“I thought the course and people were excellent, best and most interesting course I have attended. Right balance between theory and practice”*

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### SANDRA – Bristol course

*“I really enjoyed doing this course. I found it very informative. I was even excited to come back for the second day!”*

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### SAM – Belfast course

*“The ladies who took the course delivered the course syllabus to an exceptionally high standard, in a fun, informed manner. I really, really enjoyed this course and would recommend it to anyone!”*

## **Further comments from our end of course feedback form ...**

### ***"I would highly recommend this course ..."***

*"The teachers made the teaching fun but were also very professional and patient. Everything was explained in great detail and they taught us safety and good practice."*

DM – Hounslow

### ***"I thank Geopace for giving me this opportunity"***

*"The teachers were amazing. I am so happy that I did this course and know that this is the career for me."*

JK - Bolton

### ***"I found a phlebotomist job within two weeks of doing this course"***

*"I would recommend this training course to anyone, I didn't think I could do it but so glad I did. I am so proud of myself, well worth it, thanks to Geopace staff."*

DH - Gloucester

### ***"I would highly recommend to anyone"***

*"The teachers were fantastic teachers and put me at ease. They were always approachable and helped with every question I asked"*

CM – Swindon

### ***"... would definitely recommend it to others"***

*"I enjoyed this course - made me feel involved, interacted and engaged. It kept the flow of learning good by mixing theory and practical.*

*I am really pleased with the course. Thank you".*

MA - Luton

### ***"I am looking forward to any follow-on courses"***

*"I thoroughly enjoyed the course and I am quite sad that it has come to an end. The visual aids were particularly useful and informative and the practical sessions helped me tremendously.*

*The tutors were also informative, patient and willing to go over any other aspects that I couldn't get my head around, without making me feel like a idiot"*

KS – Derby

### ***"A great course which has opened another door for me"***

*"I thoroughly recommend Geopace and would once again like to thank them and the Training Team"*

JH – Northampton

### ***"Absolute brilliance of your trainers"***

*"I was on the 2 day training course Monday and Tuesday this week, which I thoroughly enjoyed. I wanted to mention the absolute brilliance of your two chosen trainers"*

SH – Peterborough

### ***"Very, very pleased"***

*"Fantastic teachers – I wish the teachers I had at school taught with so much enthusiasm.*

*I would definitely recommend to anyone wanting to learn more about this subject"*

SW - Stoke

### ***"Very enjoyable and worthwhile"***

*"The course provided me with exactly what I needed at this moment in time.*

*Very enjoyable, worthwhile and lovely teachers. They were patient, thorough and made it fun"*

AC – Telford

### ***"One of the best"***

*"I have been to a lot of courses but this course has been one of the best. Teachers are great"*

ES – Edinburgh

### ***"Both instructors incredibly knowledgeable"***

*"This course and instructors gave me confidence I didn't realise I had. Exceptionally informative. I would highly recommend this to anyone"*

SC – Telford

### ***"Amazing"***

*"I didn't think I could learn so much in just two days. A great teacher – clear, concise and fun.*

*Your teaching assistant was very professional and friendly. Thank you. Well worth it"*

PH - Rotherham



## *Messages from Ireland ...*

*Since adding Dublin, Cork and this year Limerick to our training venues we are delighted to receive the following emails:*

### ***“I honestly cannot recommend it enough”***

*I completed my course in Cork and I honestly cannot recommend it enough. It was well-balanced between theory and practical work, and the tutor was so friendly, helpful and enthusiastic which definitely added to my overall enjoyment of the course. I can also happily say that I am now working as a phlebotomist in Cork too, thanks to this course.*

**Ruth - CORK COURSE**

### ***“... now work as a phlebotomist in a maternity hospital”***

*I completed my training with in Dublin and I for one am chuffed with my qualifications and will definitely suggest you as a training school to anyone who approaches me about future training. I now work as a phlebotomist in a very busy maternity hospital in Dublin now and am loving it... Many thanks to you for my chance at a new career... I will always remember it.*

**Catherine - DUBLIN COURSE**

### ***“It has opened up a window of jobs ...”***

*I just wanted to send a big big thank you to all you for the help and the course you provided for me in phlebotomy here in Dublin - I found it very interesting and enjoyable. The trainer was hugely helpful and made the course fun as well as knowledgeable and worthwhile. It has opened up a window of jobs I intend to apply for and get out of the security field. I have signed up for the half day live blood taking course and I look forward to that, again a very big thanks from me to you all, I will be recommending your course to people if they look to seek a career change.*

**Alan - DUBLIN COURSE**

### ***“It has given me an opportunity to have a new career”***

*I am currently being trained in my local GP's surgery ... there has been good and not so good days! This is what I have encountered whilst training under a nurse's supervision. I enjoyed the course; it has given me an opportunity to have a new career. I have also recommended the course to a friend who is a retired nurse she is hoping to get on the next Cork course.*

**Catherine - DUBLIN COURSE**

***“I feel I have the confidence to pursue phlebotomy as a career”***

*Hope all is well with you! I am writing to you because I've just finished the phlebotomy course in Dublin with oh my goodness did I enjoy it. It was amazing and informative. I feel I have the confidence to pursue phlebotomy as a career, and that's all thanks to the tutor, what an amazing teacher he is. He makes everyone comfortable and feel like there is no such thing as a silly question - he's warm funny and very easy to talk too... I just needed to write and tell you how great he is. Also thank you so much for the phone calls and helping me - you guys really are a great team.*

*Thank you again*

**Sharon - DUBLIN COURSE**

***“In summary the course was interesting ... I totally recommend it”***

*I took the course at Cork. It was a two days course, with theoretical and a practical classes with a dummy arm with fake blood. The teacher was an amazing phlebotomist with many years of experience. One thing that I consider important to be aware of is that it definitely depends on the phlebotomist to follow the correct procedures learned in the course and practice a lot (skin type and vein position vary widely from person to person which can be tricky especially in the beginning of your work).*

*In summary, the course was interesting and complete, I totally recommend it.*

*I was accepted for a PhD position at Trinity College Dublin where all my experiments would require human blood. As there was a limited number of phlebotomists in TCD I needed good training as soon as possible to start my experiments. One of my colleagues recommended Geopace Training.*

*The course was great, complete and interesting. I totally recommend it.*

**Vanessa - CORK COURSE**

*We have so many more testimonials that we would love to share with you - but sadly not enough space in one small booklet!*

***To see more testimonials (including video testimonials)  
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