The new ***FEDERAL*** CMS Meaningful Use ***REGULATIONS******require*** that healthcare professionals or anyone who enter orders in the Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE) be credentialed***.***

***It is becoming increasingly apparent that ALL healthcare professionals will need to be certified in order to meet this changing job requirement and to be able to work in this field. Many employers will not hire you until you have your Certification Credentials RPT and/or PBT.***

In order to assure ***YOUR*** ability to rapidly obtain what ***YOU*** need**:**

At Pikes Peak Community College you need to:

1. Submit your application to graduate.
2. You must apply for your certificate of achievement with the Enrollment Services Center to graduate.
3. The Enrollment Services Center will do a graduation evaluation to guarantee you have met all certification requirements.
4. Participation in the Spring graduation ceremony is not mandatory, but all new graduates will be invited to attend no matter which semester you complete your course of study.

[**Graduation online applications**](https://www.ppcc.edu/graduation)

1. When you are done with all required courses and all of your documented supervisor sign off paperwork are signed off by your instructor and she has evaluated the work and submitted your grade. You should keep a copy of the completed supervisor sign off check list for your records and one to submit to the association.
2. ***You should begin to monitor your student portal*** under transcripts for your certification ***DATE*** award on the transcript.
3. You will also receive an award letter from the Records Office sent to your student email account as well as a hard copy sent to your home address. This letter will be an indicator that your certificate has been awarded and will appear on your transcripts.
4. ***After the certification is awarded you can order your transcript through the student portal*** or in person at any Enrollment Services office.

I should look something like this – note the dates after Degree Date:



1. The national association must have ***official transcripts stating your certificate is awarded*** (*the degree date*) to issue you the certification credentials.
2. Pikes Peak Community College ***CAN NOT*** send your [transcripts](http://www.ppcc.edu/transcripts) until you order them. You can see the prices listed on the college web site.
3. You may receive a letter from the records office indicating additional course work. You need to contact Vicki Bond at her e mail vicki.bond@ppcc.edu immediately to receive instructions.

***Now YOU need to complete your National Exam Application***

***For your National Certification Credential Exam you need to:***

1. Contact [American Medical Technologists Association](http://www.americanmedtech.org) or by phone at 1-800-275-1268.
2. Once you have contacted AMT and submitted your application to take the RPT exam, AMT will send you an e mail directing you to Application Acknowledgement letter listing supporting documents you are required to submit. Then they will send you an e mail directing you to the PearsonVUE Authorization letter. This will give you directions on how to schedule your exam date.
3. You will need to select Pikes Peak Community College as your testing site if you wish.
4. PearsonVUE will offer you a choice of different dates to take your exam.
5. You can take the exam at the Pikes Peak Community College Testing Center on the date schedule through PearsonVUE.

I ***STRONGLY URGE*** you to apply online with American Medical Technologist. It saves mailing as well as keying time…and everything gets processed faster.  You can find the application link as well as a list of study resources under the Get Certified tab at the [web site](http://www.americanmedtech.org).

Vicki L. Bond

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If you wish to take your exam with the [American Society for Clinical Pathology](https://www.ascp.org/content/board-of-certification) (ASCP), you need to contact the association for instructions.

AMT requires: 9-2018 application Fee $120.00

Applicant shall have graduated from, or scheduled to graduate from, an academic course (or combined courses) of study in phlebotomy that includes a minimum of 120 didactic clock hours (or as required by state law).

* Applicants must have graduated from their academic course of study within the past***FOUR*** years*.*
* Applicant must have completed a minimum of 50 successful venipunctures and 10 successful capillary punctures from human sources.

ASCP requires: 9-2018 application fee: $135.00 nonrefundable.

* High school graduation (or equivalent),
* AND completion of an acceptable two-part formal structured phlebotomy program in the U.S., Canada or an accredited laboratory within the last five years. This two-part program, to be arranged by the program director, must consist of: 40 clock hours of classroom training, including anatomy and physiology of the circulatory system, specimen collection, specimen processing and handling, and laboratory operations (e.g. safety, quality control, etc.),
* AND 100 clock hours of clinical training and orientation in an accredited laboratory\*\* with a minimum performance of 100 successful unaided blood collections including venipunctures and skin punctures.