

Becoming a Specialist in Blood Banking (SBB)

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

- Someone with educational and work experience qualifications who successfully passes the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) board of registry (BOR) examination for the Specialist in Blood Banking.
- This person will have 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**
- Sit for 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.

California	American Red Cross Blood Services	Pomona, CA
Florida	Academic Center at OneBlood	St. Petersburg, FL
Illinois	Rush University	Chicago, IL
Indiana	Indiana Blood Center	Indianapolis, IN
Louisiana	LifeShare Blood Center	Shreveport, LA
	University Medical Center New Orleans	New Orleans, LA
Maryland	National Institutes of Health Clinical Center	Bethesda, MD
	The Johns Hopkins Hospital	Baltimore, MD
	Walter Reed National Military Medical Center	Bethesda, MD
Texas	University Health System and Affiliates School of Blood Bank Technology	San Antonio, TX
	University of Texas Medical Branch	Galveston, TX
Wisconsin	Versiti Wisconsin, Inc.	Milwaukee, WI