Becky Carter of Fairfield has accepted the Phlebotomy instructor position at Frontier Community College and will begin her duties in August with the 2015 fall semester.

Carter, a Registered Lab Tech ASCP (American Society Clinical Pathologist) since 1975, brings a broad range of experience to the classroom. She has worked in both the hospital setting and physician offices.

A native of Kentucky, Carter moved to Fairfield in 1978 and began working in the lab at Fairfield Memorial Hospital. After five years, she began working in a physician’s office. She has spent the last several years working in the lab at SIPCA, which is now Christopher Rural Health Clinic.

“I love working with patients,” stated Carter. “It has been so rewarding helping others and I would do it all over again. I have enjoyed getting to know the patients who come in for lab work on a routine basis and building a relationship with them.”

Carter is looking forward to the new opportunity working with students in the classroom. Phlebotomy is a good career choice with a variety of workplace settings that may include a hospital, doctor office, nursing home, or even a traveling phlebotomist. In addition to teaching good skills, Carter states “I want to encourage the students to like people and have a heart for helping patients.”

**Phlebotomy Program**

The Phlebotomy certificate program at Frontier Community College is completed in two semesters (fall and spring.) Students will learn techniques for the collection of blood for diagnostic testing. Focus will also be given to ethical and legal responsibilities, effective communication skills and safe practices.

**2 Semesters: Fall & Spring**

Fall semester covers theory, techniques, and medical terminology. Classes meet for a full day on Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

Spring semester is an externship at a medical facility where students will gain hands-on experience. After completing the program in May, graduates are eligible to take the American Society for Clinical Pathology Board of Registry certification exam.

**Financial Aid**

Financial aid is still available. The first step in the process is to complete the FAFSA application at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). The school code for FCC is 014090.

**Fall Semester Begins August 20**

Fall semester begins August 20, and students are encouraged to pre-register now. To make an appointment with an academic advisor or financial aid, call 842-3711.