

SBB Program Admission Requirements and Policies

Admission Requirements:

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in clinical laboratory, biological or related science. Academic work completed at colleges or universities outside of the United States requires transcript evaluation by an ASCP acceptable evaluation agency.
- At least 2 years of full-time hospital transfusion service experience (preferred) . Quality and extent of applicant's blood banking experience will be considered.
- US citizenship or eligible to work in the United States.
- Successful applicants must meet the general requirements for employment of either the American Red Cross or their participating employer prior to admission, including a background check and drugs of abuse screening.
- Only current American Red Cross and selected academic partner employees will be considered at this time.

Application Process:

Submit by June 15th for the coming year:

- Completed application form
- Resume or CV listing pertinent education and work experience
- Copy of transcript for baccalaureate degree and clinical laboratory scientist training and, if applicable, other post-graduate courses; for international education credentials, an evaluation from an approved agency
- At least two letters of recommendation, one of which is from applicant's current supervisor or medical director
- A one to two page essay on the applicant's reasons for applying to the SBB program and a statement of career goals including how the applicant intends to use SBB training
- Article summary

All applications will be reviewed and rated. These initial ratings will be used to select potential candidates for an interview. Following the interview, each faculty member who interviewed the applicant rates the applicant. Aggregate ratings will be used in the final selection of the SBB student(s) for the coming year. Applicants will be notified of selection or nonselection.