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1. What does certification mean and is it necessary to work in a clinical lab?

Certification assures competency so you can work in a variety of lab settings. When you pass certification exams, you can use the initials of your certification after your name. Most laboratories desire certified personnel to do moderate and high complexity testing.

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2. What are clinical rotations?

Didactic courses are offered on-campus in evening classes and while they provide both an opportunity to experience lab work and build lab skills, clinical rotations provide students a “real-work” experience.

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3. Where do students get clinical experience?

Clinical experience is obtained in hospital laboratories, independent free standing laboratories and physician based offices.

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4. What is the employment outlook for Medical Laboratory Technologists (MLTs)?

The US Bureau of Labor Statistics states that employment "... is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through the year 2014, as the volume of laboratory tests continues to increase, with both population growth and the development of new tests."

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5. What is the median annual salary for a MLT?

Nationally, the median annual salary for MLT's is approximately \$33,000.

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6. Can I further my education after completing this program?

Students can further their education, as the MLT associate degree program prepares students to transfer into a medical technologist bachelor's degree program.

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7. How can I get more information about the CCBC Essex Medical Laboratory Technology Program?

The Selective Admissions office coordinates admissions for the program. You may contact:

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