

# Community College of Baltimore County

School of Health Professions

## Medical Laboratory Technology

### Frequently Asked Questions

**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 require certified personnel to do moderate and high complexity testing.

Institutions are increasingly requiring the successful completion of the certification exam as part of a new employee probation requirement.

**2. What are clinical rotations?**

Didactic courses are offered on-campus in both day and evening classes. Classes provide you with both the opportunity to experience lab work and build your skills. The clinical rotations within area facilities provide students with “real-work” experience.

**3. Where do students get clinical experience?**

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

**4. What is the employment outlook for Medical Laboratory Technologist (MLT’S)?**

The US Bureau of Labor Statistics states “employment of medical laboratory technologist and technicians is projected to grow 16 percent from 2014 to 2024 which is much faster than the average for all occupations. An increase in the aging population is expected to lead to a greater need to diagnose medical conditions through laboratory procedures.

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

Nationally, the median annual salary for MLT’s is approximately \$45,000.

**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 Laboratory Science Bachelor’s Degree program.