Bunker Hill Community College

Medical Laboratory Technician
Degree Program

Take your healthcare career to the next level. Medical Laboratory Technicians (MLT) play an important role in clinical laboratory testing. These technicians examine and analyze body fluids, tissues and cells. They look for bacteria, parasites and other microorganisms; analyze the chemical content of fluids; match blood for transfusions; and test for drug levels in the blood to show how a patient is responding to treatment. MLTs prepare specimens for examination, count cells and look for abnormal cells. They use automated equipment and instruments capable of performing a number of tests simultaneously, as well as microscopes, cell counters and other sophisticated laboratory equipment.

Admissions Criteria

In order to be considered for admission to the MLT Program, applicants must:

- Attend a mandatory information session. Visit bhcc.edu/info for dates and locations.
- Possess a high school diploma or high school equivalency
- Complete the following pre-requisite courses with a C or better: MAT-181 Statistics, ENG-111 College Writing I, BIO-203 Anatomy/Physiology & Lab, BIO-204 Anatomy/Physiology II & Lab, BIO-205 General Microbiology, CHEM-120 Inorganic Chemistry, and CHEM-121 Organic Chemistry

Accreditation

The Medical Laboratory Technician Program at BHCC is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science (NAACLS).

Students successfully completing the BHCC MLT Associate in Science degree are eligible to take the MLT certification examination offered by the American Society of Clinical Pathology.

To apply to the MLT Program, please visit bhcc.edu/apply

Job Outlook

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics employment for Medical Laboratory Technicians is expected to increase by 30 percent by 2018. The American Society of Clinical Pathology’s 2013 Wage and Labor Survey reports that the average starting salary for an MLT in Massachusetts is $47,000 per year.

Graduates have a 100% completion rate, an 86% pass rate on certification exams and a 100% employment rate. Students successfully completing the program are eligible to take the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) certification examination. The Program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science (NAACLS), 5600 North River Rd. Suite 720, Rosemont, IL 60018, telephone 773-714-8880. Graduates of the Program are eligible to take national certification.