



PROGRAM DETAILS

A Medical Laboratory Assistant (also known as Lab Aid/Assistant, Specimen Processor/collector), is an important member of the laboratory healthcare team. They collect, prepare, and transport patient specimens, and may perform various testing on blood, urine, and other bodily fluids. Depending on the laboratory department, the Medical Lab Assistant may be responsible for test kit management and quality control which includes proper ordering, inventory, and storage. The Medical Lab Assistant role will also include accurate documentation, records management, and communication with other ordering physicians. They use microscopes, cell counters, and other sophisticated laboratory equipment. After testing and examining a specimen, they analyze the results and relay them to physicians.

The MedCerts Medical Laboratory Assistant program provides students with immersive and virtual hands-on learning experiences that allow for demonstration of key clinical skills. Procedures are demonstrated using virtual tools or live-recorded video and are simulated – allowing the students to immerse themselves into a virtual experience that is engaging, safe, and repeatable.

This program prepares students for the Certified Medical Lab Assistant (CMLA) certification exam, offered by The American Medical Technologists (AMT) organization. MedCerts graduates are eligible to take the exam and will earn provisional certification upon passing. Once employed as a Lab Assistant, graduates will gain the 120 hours of documented, approved clinical laboratory experience required for the grant of full certification.

CAREER SERVICES

For all MedCerts Students that are not affiliated with an employer partner, you also have the added benefit of Job Search Assistance including guidance with resume building, networking, interviewing, and job search tips.

ATTAINABLE CAREERS

- Medical Lab Assistant
- Health Technician
- Laboratory Aid
- Lab Processing Assistant
- Clinical Lab Assistant
- Medical Technician

Throughout the Medical Laboratory Assistant program, students will learn the skills to:

- ✔ Demonstrate knowledge of laboratory testing in various laboratory departments
- ✔ Understand responsibilities of patient care and safety related to preparation and collection complications
- ✔ Perform clerical, effective communication, and interpersonal relation skills
- ✔ Maintain solution-oriented conversations, manage conflicts, and build self confidence
- ✔ Recognize the importance of infection control and safety compliance with diagnostic testing

While MedCerts training and related target certifications may be accepted and/or approved by your state of residency, employers reserve the right to dictate pre-requisite education, experience, or certification/licensure requirements for their positions. We strongly advise students to research target job posts from area employers and relevant state requirements, barriers, or restrictions prior to enrollment to ensure eligibility upon graduation.

The phlebotomy certification included in this program is not accepted in the following states: CA, WA



TARGET CERTIFICATIONS

Certifications	Issuing Authority	Exam Details
Certified Medical Lab Assistant (CMLA)	American Medical Technologists (AMT)	200-230 questions Time limit: 2 hours 30 minutes
Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT)	National Healthcareer Association (NHA)	100 multiple choice questions Time limit: 2 hours

Course Code	Title	Hours	Weeks	Course Materials (Included)
PS-1011	Professionalism in Allied Health	32	2	None
HI-1014	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Medical Terminology	96	6	PDF eBook
HI-6011	Phlebotomy	64	4	eBook
HI-6017	Medical Lab Assisting	64	4	eBook

EXPERIENTIAL/CLINICAL COMPONENT:

Experiential/Clinical Component Requirements: Students are responsible for locating and securing a site to fulfill the clinical requirements of the program. MedCerts is not responsible for and cannot guarantee placement to complete this clinical requirement. MedCerts may choose to sponsor the student(s) by signing affiliation agreements with the site(s) of clinical learning and provide insurance coverage enabling the student to learn on the job.

Students are also required to complete 30 venipunctures and 10 capillary sticks within 180 days of passing the CPT exam. The CPT certification will not be released until student completes the clinical requirements within the 180 day timeframe of passing the CPT Exam.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND DRUG SCREENING POLICY:

MedCerts does not perform criminal background checks, nor do we test students for illicit drug use. Please be advised that while MedCerts does not perform these checks, the student's drug, criminal, or immunization status may prevent clinical/externship placement and future employment as a healthcare or IT professional. Externship sites, employers, and State Boards of Pharmacy or other regulatory boards have regulations about immunizations, drug use, and criminal backgrounds. Regulatory boards, externship sites, employers, and other organizations that may require these screenings for placement, and adverse results may prohibit you from moving forward in the program. Candidates with a felony conviction are not eligible to participate in ANY MedCerts program that includes the Pharmacy Technician certification as a primary or secondary certification

The student understands that MedCerts does not hold any control over the drug, immunization, criminal, or background screening processes or policies held by any organization outside of MedCerts.