Clinical Laboratory Technology

Interesting Work Behind the Scenes

Would you enjoy working in a laboratory with specialized equipment and computers? The Clinical Laboratory Technology program teaches skills for a career in a rapidly growing field. Most clinical lab technicians work in medical labs, but some work in police crime labs, such as those seen on popular television shows.

“Rapid job growth and excellent job opportunities are expected.”

As a clinical lab technician, you use specialized laboratory equipment to test blood and other body fluids. Clinical lab technicians play a critical role in the detection, diagnosis and treatment of disease. They often supply an important piece of the puzzle for doctors diagnosing and treating patients. Unlike jobs with patient contact, this is a career behind the scenes. If you are good in math and science, this program may be for you.

The Clinical Laboratory Technology program offers:

- lab training and classroom study
- supervised time in hospitals and health care settings
- preparation to take a national exam for certification accepted throughout the United States

Career Paths
Clinical laboratory technicians can work in the following settings:

- hospitals
- research labs

- independent private labs
- pharmaceutical companies
- police crime labs


According to the federal government, an associate’s degree is required for clinical lab technicians to perform highly complex lab tests, such as cross matches for blood transfusion and urine/drug screening.
The Clinical Laboratory Technology Program
The A.A.S. program in Clinical Laboratory Technology teaches students how to:

- use laboratory instruments and computers
- collect and process specimens
- perform complex laboratory tests on various types of human specimens
- work as part of a health care team

Graduating with an A.A.S. degree, you:

- are eligible to take the MLT (Medical Laboratory Technician) and CLT (Clinical Laboratory Technician) national certification exams
- can immediately move into a career
- can pursue further education

Salaries of graduates working in the Philadelphia area often exceed the national salary average.

Salaries
Medical and clinical laboratory technicians – $35,380.* Reported earnings from graduates of the program are $45,000 to $60,000.


Areas of Study
This curriculum includes courses in Clinical Chemistry, Hematology, Clinical Microbiology, Immunology and Phlebotomy.

Accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS).
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Admission to the College
Prospective students are strongly encouraged to apply early prior to the start of a term in order to complete the appropriate steps for enrollment. For more information about admission to the College and important dates, including open house information, visit our website at www.ccp.edu, call 215-751-8010 or email admissions@ccp.edu.

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