

WORKING TO BE A**Medical Lab Technician****What type of education is needed to be a medical laboratory technician?**

- An associate's degree from a community college or a certificate from a hospital, vocational, or technical school is required; training in the lab is also needed

What licenses or certifications are needed to be a medical laboratory technician?

- No license or certification is generally required although there are places you can become certified as a medical laboratory technician

What does a medical laboratory technician do?

- Perform routine tests in a medical laboratory to help treat and diagnose disease
- Prepare vaccines and serums to help prevent disease
- Prepare tissue samples for pathologists
- Take blood samples
- Perform lab tests
- May work in several areas of the lab or specialize
- Histotechnicians cut and stain tissue samples
- Phlebotomists collect blood samples

What is the work environment like for a medical laboratory technician?

- Work in healthcare labs which are usually well-lit and clean
- The materials you work with may sometimes create fumes
- Lab workers spend a lot of time on their feet
- There are few hazards as you are trained to work with infectious materials; masks, gloves, and goggles are often worn
- The hours a medical laboratory technician works depend on the size and type of lab they work in, they may have to work evening or nights shifts and/or weekends and holidays

What is the normal pay range for a medical laboratory technician?

- \$11.20–\$20.24 per hour

What Source partners offer training to be a medical laboratory technician?

- Owens Community College

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How can a medical laboratory technician grow in their field?

- Through training and experience they can become a medical lab technologist, the chief medical lab technologist, or a clinical laboratory bioanalyst
- Medical lab technicians can specialize in a number of different areas