



MEDICAL LAB ASSISTANT

ABOUT THIS CAREER

As a Medical Lab Assistant, you will perform pre-analysis and pre-testing tasks such as collecting blood and other samples, processing specimens, and preparing special chemicals for use in testing. You will set up, clean and maintain lab equipment and conduct routine medical lab tests. Medical Lab Assistants work in hospitals, clinics, research facilities, post-secondary institutions and government research laboratories.

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WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Educational Requirements

- High School completion required
- In BC, medical laboratory assistants must be graduates of British Columbia Society of Laboratory Science (BCSLS) approved Medical Laboratory Assistant training programs
- National certification is offered by the Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science, which is widely recognized across Canada (includes training to do ECGs in British Columbia only)

Key Skills & Attributes

(technical training and on the job)



Active Listening

Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.



Speaking

Talking to others to share information effectively.



Critical Thinking

Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.

HOURLY PAY
\$22.00 - \$32.97*
(Est. Annual Salary: \$53,204)

ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT GROWTH: **1.7%***
(B.C. Labour Market Outlook 2023-2033)

JOB OPENINGS: **1,620***
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DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Collect blood or other samples from patients
- Log patient samples and prepare them for testing
- Set up medical laboratory equipment
- Prepare special chemical to be combined with biological samples for testing
- Conduct routine laboratory tests and sample analyses
- Perform quality assurance of testing techniques
- Clean and maintain medical laboratory and medical laboratory equipment



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School District**
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