

# Medical Laboratory Assistant

## INDUSTRY FACTS



### What do medical lab assistants do?

Medical laboratory assistants collect and process samples for testing from patients, including blood and tissue samples.

They'll log samples, prep for and complete tests, record data, and clean and sterilize equipment. Their day-to-day job duties include:

- Processing clinical laboratory specimens
- Performing routine and specialized tests
- Preparing and staining slides for analysis
- Performing phlebotomy
- Recording testing information
- Cleaning and restocking the lab facility
- Keeping inventory and ordering lab supplies.

### Where do medical lab assistants work?

Most medical lab assistants will work in a laboratory setting within a hospital or healthcare system, private and corporate labs, physicians' offices, clinics, and medical testing facilities.



### How much do they earn?

On average, certified medical lab assistants can earn a salary of \$36,000 per year. Pay rates can vary based on where you live, where you work, and your relevant job experience. According to PayScale, the average hourly pay for a lab assistant was \$16.56 per hour in 2022.\*

### How's the job outlook?

Jobs in healthcare are more in-demand than ever and opportunities within the industry are expected to grow over the next decade. The following estimates from the Department of Labor provide insights into the growing industry:

- As the fastest growing job sector, the healthcare industry is expected to add over 2.6 million new jobs by 2030.\*
- Jobs in the medical lab assistant field are expected to grow by around 20%, much faster than average, over the next decade.\*

"Great experience! I love that the online program through Career Step has allowed me to do studies on my own time, throughout life's changes. Love the flexibility. Always was able to get hold of a "human" when I called or received a call back after leaving a voicemail. I would definitely recommend this school for online studies."

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## PROGRAM DETAILS

### Start Training for a Better Tomorrow – Today

A stable, rewarding career can change your life. With CareerStep, you can train online and prepare for industry certification in an in-demand job – all on your own terms.

### Prepare For A Better Job

Train affordably without sacrificing quality. This program's comprehensive training was developed by industry professionals with years of experience – specifically designed to help you prepare for the Certified Medical Laboratory Assistant (CMLA) and the Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT) certification exams.

### Learn Your Way (From Home)

With online training, you can absorb more knowledge and learn more skills—fast.

- Study on a schedule that fits your life
- Progress at a pace that matches your learning style
- Adjust the time and effort you devote to your coursework each day

### Receive Coaching and Guidance

When you train with CareerStep, we back you every step of the way—from signup through course completion.

- Learner support
- Technical support
- Career support (interview coaching and resume reviews)

### Get Certified

We'll prepare you to take nationally recognized exams so you can explore greater opportunities in your area.

- Certified Medical Laboratory Assistant (CMLA) offered by the American Medical Technologists (AMT)
- Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT) offered by the National Healthcareer Association (NHA)

### Program Courses

Course Name
Program Orientation: Medical Laboratory Assistant
Communication and Customer Service in the Healthcare Office
Anatomy and Physiology
Infection Control
Fundamentals of HIPAA
Law, Liability, and Ethics for Healthcare
Externship Readiness Skills
Phlebotomy
Venipuncture Labs
Testing and Lab Procedures
Medical Laboratory Assistant
Final Exam
Initiating Your Externship
Externship
Program Completion: Medical Laboratory Assistant

**Total Hours: 396**

276 Didactic + 120 Clinical Externship