



Medical Laboratory Technician Program

The following are some frequently asked questions about the **Medical Laboratory Technician** program.

- **How long is the program?**

The program lasts twenty-four months. Students are required to attend class year round.

- **Are classes available on weekends or evenings?**

There are no classes offered on evenings or weekends.

- **What is the deadline for applications?**

Applications are accepted year round, however, the MLT program begins in August of each year. The program application deadline is June 30th of each year. **Students may begin academic classes at any time.** The MLAB classes are offered only once a year in a specified sequence.

- **What is the job market like?**

There are numerous openings for both medical laboratory technicians and phlebotomists locally and nationwide. The national vacancy average for laboratory technicians is twelve percent and is expected to increase through the year 2025. Please refer to our program webpage: <http://www.alamo.edu/spc/mlt/> for the annual program outcomes.

- **What are the starting salaries?**

In the San Antonio area, starting salaries are on average \$15.25 per hour or \$30,000-\$35,000 annually. Second and third shift technicians usually have a shift differential added to their salary.

- **Where are the clinical sites located?**

Most of the clinical sites are located in the San Antonio Metropolitan area. There are also clinical affiliates in the cities of Hondo, Kerrville, New Braunfels, Floresville, Uvalde and Seguin.



- **Are there any certification or licensing requirements?**

In Texas, there are no licensing or certification requirements to begin a career. However, most hospital and outpatient laboratories do require that a certification examination be taken by the end of the first year of employment, to maintain the job description of medical laboratory technician. The Medical Laboratory Technician/MLT program is accredited through the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science/NAACLS. Our program graduates are allowed to take the MLT Board of Certification/BOC examination offered through the American Society for Clinical Pathology/ASCP or another certification examination through American Medical Technologists/AMT.

- **What is the cost per semester for this program?**

Please refer to the Alamo Colleges District tuition and fee schedule page: <https://www.alamo.edu/admission--aid/paying-for-college/tuition-and-fees/> for the most current process. Please note: on the tuition schedule there is a special tuition fee of \$700 per semester for students enrolled in one of the Health Science programs.

Estimated In-District Program Expenses for SPC AAS Medical Laboratory Technician

Pre-requisites	Total
Course Tuition	\$693
Course Fees	\$21
Other Campus Fees	\$26
Special tuition	\$0
TEAs Exam	\$95
School supplies (including textbooks from Amazon)	\$350
	\$1185



Semester 1: Fall 1st year	Total
Course Tuition	\$1485
Course Fees	\$45
Other Campus Fees	\$26
Special tuition	\$700
School supplies (including textbooks from Amazon)	\$550
Health Insurance	(Varies)
Criminal Background Check	\$55
Drug Screen	\$35
Program Scrubs	\$150
Immunizations (Metro Health)- requirements will vary depending on person	\$1150 (if starting with none)
CPR	\$80
HIV	Free – go to a STD clinic for screening
	\$4275*

* Most expensive semester due to immunizations.

Semester 2: Spring 1st year	Total
Course Tuition	\$792
Course Fees	\$24
Other Campus Fees	\$26
Special tuition	\$700
School supplies (including textbooks from Amazon)	\$240
	\$1785



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Semester 3: Summer 1st year	Total
Course Tuition	\$396
Course Fees	\$12
Other Campus Fees	\$26
Special tuition	\$700
School supplies (including review textbooks from Amazon)	\$290
Hospital Parking Pass (varies)	\$40
	\$1465

Semester 4: Fall 2nd year	Total
Course Tuition	\$792
Course Fees	\$24
Other Campus Fees	\$26
Special tuition	\$700
School supplies (including review textbooks from Amazon)	\$360
	\$1900



Semester 5: Spring 2nd year	Total
Course Tuition	\$1089
Course Fees	\$33
Other Campus Fees	\$26
Special tuition	\$700
School supplies (including review textbooks from Amazon)	\$345
Renewal of Immunizations (Flu & PPD)	\$60
	\$2255

Semester 6: Summer 2nd year	Total
Course Tuition	\$693
Course Fees	\$21
Other Campus Fees	\$26
Special tuition	\$700
School supplies (including review textbooks from Amazon)	\$0
Hospital Parking Pass (varies)	\$40
ASCP Certification Exam	\$215
	\$1700

Average cost per semester: \$2500-\$2700 (over 6 semesters)