



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 during the evenings or weekends.

What is the deadline for applications?

Applications are accepted starting January 15, however, the MLT program begins in August of each year. Application deadline is May 31. The MLAB classes are offered only once a year in a specified sequence.

What is the job market like?

There are numerous openings for phlebotomists and medical technicians locally and nationwide. Overall employment of clinical laboratory technologists and technicians is projected to grow 11 percent from 2018 to 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations. An increase in the aging population is expected to lead to a greater need to diagnose medical conditions, such as cancer or type 2 diabetes, through laboratory procedures*.

*Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians, on the Internet at <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/clinical-laboratory-technologists-and-technicians.htm> (visited August 09, 2020).

What are the starting salaries?

In the San Antonio area, starting salaries are around \$18.00 per hour.

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, Pearsall, Floresville, New Braunfels 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.

What is the cost per semester for this program?

Please refer to the college's tuition and fee schedule page. 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 (exception: Health Information Systems & Radiography Technology the special tuition is \$500).