



## Q What is a medical laboratory technician?

A A medical laboratory technician is a member of a health care team, performing laboratory tests on blood, fluids, and tissues from the body to provide data for physicians to use in detecting, diagnosing, monitoring, and treating many diseases.

## Q What duties does a medical laboratory technician perform?

A A medical laboratory technician may perform such duties as:

- Blood cell counts
- Drug screens
- Blood chemistries
- Blood typing and compatibility tests
- Bacterial identification
- Antibody detection

## Q Where does a medical laboratory technician work?

A A medical laboratory technician may work in a:

- Hospital
- Private pathology laboratory
- Community health clinic
- Blood donor center
- Physician's office
- Industrial laboratory

## Q What is the income potential for a medical laboratory technician?

A Income varies depending on the type of medical laboratory technician position. The median income for the U.S. is \$35,000 and the median income for the Memphis Metropolitan area is \$31,000.

## Q What will the medical laboratory degree allow me to do?

A Earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree at Southwest and enter the job market immediately upon graduation, take a national certification examination in medical laboratory technology or pursue a bachelor's degree at a four-year institution.

## Q What is Southwest's employment rate for graduates of the medical laboratory technician program?

A Southwest's employment rate for medical laboratory technicians is 100 percent each year.



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### Why choose the medical laboratory technician program\* at Southwest?

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- Fully accredited programs by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Small classes for more personalized attention
- Flexible class schedules available at multiple campuses, centers, sites; and distance learning opportunities
- Affordable tuition
- Support services, including career counseling, free tutoring and career services, financial aid, job opportunity assistance and on-site child care services

#### Medical Laboratory Technician Program

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### How do I apply for admission to Southwest?

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- Complete application for Southwest.
- Submit your application and pay \$5 application fee to Bursar's Office.
- Request that an "official" copy of your high school/GED scores, college transcript(s) be sent to:  
*Southwest Tennessee Community College  
P.O. Box 780, Memphis, TN 38101-0780*
- Apply for financial aid (if applicable).
- Complete testing requirements.
- Complete new student orientation, either online or on campus.
- Review the College's academic calendar or printed schedule of classes for registration dates, times and locations.
- Meet with academic advisor.
- Register for classes online, via TRAVIS or in person.
- Pay your fees or ensure that your financial aid is in place for your course.

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