

**Medical Laboratory Technician Program  
Additional Program Information  
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**Mission and Goal Statement:**

The mission of the Pima Community College Medical Laboratory Technician program is to develop well balanced professionals who are ready to enter the clinical laboratory field as Medical Laboratory Technicians. Our goal is to provide the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed for clinical competence and help students develop the independent learning skills needed to grow in the profession throughout their careers. The curriculum will emphasize higher level math and science, as well as critical reasoning skills for proficient formulation of oral and written communication.

**Career Opportunities:**

The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree for Medical Laboratory Technician provides education and training for employment in various medical and bioscience laboratories. The U.S. Department of Labor has determined that the job opportunities will continue to increase through 2014. (See: [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)).

**Program Cost:**

The cost of the MLT coursework is approximately \$2,100 including tuition, lab fees, books, and drug screening costs. Total program cost is estimated at \$4,600.

**Program Schedule and Length:**

The degree program can be completed within 5 semesters excluding placement requirements. This includes a clinical rotation at an affiliated hospital or reference laboratories. (See Appendix II.) An Associate of Applied Science degree is awarded upon completion of all coursework with a grade of C or better.

**Program Requirements:**

Program pre-requisites, required courses and clinical placement requirements are posted on the College web site and the printed College Catalog.

**Program Admission:**

Applicants must be admitted to Pima Community College and have completed required coursework to request program admission. An application packet is available online or you can request one from the Medical Laboratory Technology office. Once you have completed the program pre-requisites complete the form and return it to the MLT office.

Admission is based on the completion of pre-requisite courses and completion of any currently enrolled requirements with grade of C or better.

Applicants are accepted on a first qualified, first accepted basis. Applicants who have completed or are enrolled in all prerequisites are accepted until the quota is filled. Alternate spots will be assigned if necessary. Failure to successfully complete concurrent coursework will result in forfeiture of program seat.

**High Quality Education:**

When choosing an MLT program, it is critical that the program be accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency.

The program is nationally accredited through the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS), 8410 West Bryn Mawr, Suite 670, Chicago, IL 60631: (773) 714-8880. [www.naacls.org](http://www.naacls.org)

Only MLT programs accredited by NAACLS can qualify their graduates to sit for the ASCP or NCA certifying examinations. For additional information, visit [www.ascp.org](http://www.ascp.org).

## **Appendix I: MLT Program Faculty**

The Pima College Medical Laboratory Technician Program has a talented and dedicated staff with a wide variety of clinical and teaching experience. For contact information, please refer to the staff directory.

- Linda Saavedra, MHA, MT(ASCP), Program Director, Instructor, Clinical Chemistry, Immunology
- Geraldine Meinke, PhD, MT(ASCP), Instructor, Microbiology
- Ann Haber, MS, MT(ASCP), Instructor, Hematology
- Jan Lemmons, MT(ASCP), Instructor, Immunohematology
- Tanya Meyer, MT(ASCP), Instructor, Urinalysis, Body Fluids

## Appendix II: Clinical Affiliates

| <u>INSTITUTION</u>   | <u>ACCREDITED BY</u>   |
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| Carondelet St. Joseph's Hospital<br>350 N. Wilmot Rd<br>Tucson, AZ                   | College of American Pathologists   |
| Carondelet St. Mary's Hospital<br>1601 W. St. Mary's Road<br>Tucson, AZ              | College of American Pathologists   |
| Northwest Medical Center<br>6200 N. La Cholla Blvd.<br>Tucson, AZ                    | College of American Pathologists   |
| University Medical Center<br>1501 N. Campbell Ave.<br>Tucson, AZ                     | College of American Pathologists   |
| Tucson Heart Hospital<br>4888 N. Stone Ave.<br>Tucson, AZ                            | Joint Commission on Accreditation of<br>Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) |
| Tucson Medical Center<br>5301 E. Grant Rd<br>Tucson, AZ                              | College of American Pathologists   |
| University Physicians Healthcare – Hospital at Kino<br>2800 E. Ajo Way<br>Tucson, AZ | College of American Pathologists   |