

LICENSURE CATEGORIES AND ROUTES

CATEGORY	EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE ROUTES	COMPLEXITY	DOCUMENTATION
PATHOLOGIST ASSISTANT (PA)	A. Degree in Pathologist Assistant studies from NAACLS accredited program + national certification	High, moderate	A. Degree/transcript, certification
MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (MLS)	A. BS in MT/MLS + MLS/equivalent certification [†] B. Previous MLT certification + bachelor's degree + MLS/equivalent certification [†] C. Other applicable BS + 1-year experience/training (chemical, physical, or biological science) D. Other grandfather provision	High, moderate	A. Degree/transcript, certification B. Degree/transcript, certification C. Degree/transcript, training confirmation [‡] D. Contact OLS
LABORATORY TECHNICIAN (MLT)	A. AAS in CLT/MLT + MLT certification [†] B. Other associate of science degree + 1-year experience/training C. Qualifying college credits + 1-year of experience/training D. Other grandfather provision	High, moderate	A. Degree/transcript, certification B. Degree/transcript, training confirmation [‡] C. Transcript, training confirmation [‡] D. Contact OLS
CYTOTECHNOLOGIST (CT)	A. Graduated from CAAHEP or CAHEA accredited program B. National certification in cytotechnology	High, moderate	A. Degree/transcript B. Certification
HISTOLOGIST (H)	A. Meets CLIA requirements (see MLT qualifications) + national certification as histotechnologist or histotechnician B. Meets CLIA requirements + 1 year of training/experience in grossing	High, moderate*	A. Degree/transcript, certification B. Degree/transcript, training confirmation [‡]
POINT OF CARE TECHNICIAN (POCT)	A. HS or equivalent + documentation of training specific to testing performed and reported	Moderate	A. HS diploma, job description, training agreement, training log
TRAINEE (T)	A. Enrolled in educational program B. Employed by clinical laboratory	High, moderate [#]	A. Program description, transcript B. Transcript, job description, training agreement, training log

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* With direct supervision by a pathologist or pathologist assistant.

† Applicants with international certification must also include a foreign equivalency degree evaluation.

‡ Training confirmation is required **only if** moving from a trainee license to an initial PA, MLS, MLT, CT, or H license.

With direct supervision.

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