

WEST VIRGINIA CLINICAL LABORATORY PRACTITIONER LICENSE CATEGORIES

(effective 05/01/2022)

CATEGORY	EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE ROUTES	COMPLEXITY	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION
PATHOLOGIST ASSISTANT (PA)	A. Degree in Pathologist Assistant studies from NAACLS accredited program and certification	High, moderate	A. Degree/transcript, certification [†]
MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (MLS)	A. BS in MT/MLS + certification B. Previous MLT certification + bachelor's degree + MT/MLS certification C. Other qualifying BS + 1-year experience/training 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 + 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. Certification in cytotechnology	High, moderate	A. Degree/transcript B. Certification [†]
HISTOLOGIST (H)	A. Meets CLIA requirements (see MLT qualifications) + 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. High school diploma or higher education + documentation of training specific to testing performed and reported	Moderate [#]	A. HS diploma/degree/transcript, job description, training agreement
TRAINEE (T)	A. Enrolled in an accredited laboratory education program B. Qualifying education and employed by clinical laboratory	High, moderate [#]	A. Program description, current transcript B. College transcript, job description, training agreement

* 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.

<https://dhhr.wv.gov/ols/regulatory/Pages/Licensure.aspx>

WV Office of Laboratory Services

167 11th Avenue | South Charleston, WV | 25303

304-205-8914

DHHROLSCLP@wv.gov