

LICENSURE CATEGORIES AND ROUTES

| CATEGORY | EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE ROUTES | COMPLEXITY | DOCUMENTATION |
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| 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 or biological science) | High, moderate | A. Degree/transcript, certification B. Degree/transcript, both certifications C. Degree/transcript, experience verification [‡] |
| 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 | High, moderate | A. Degree/transcript, certification B. Degree/transcript, experience verification C. Transcript, experience verification [‡] |
| 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, experience verification |
| POINT OF CARE TECHNICIAN (POCT) | A. HS or equivalent (or higher) + employment in a clinical laboratory to perform moderate complexity testing | Moderate | A. HS diploma or college degree; training agreement and test menu ^ |
| TRAINEE (T) | A. Enrolled in educational program B. Employed by clinical laboratory | High, moderate [#] | A. Current transcript showing enrollment B. Degree/transcript; training agreement and test menu ^ |

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* With direct supervision by a pathologist or pathologist assistant.

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

‡ Documentation of training/experience will be requested by our office upon review

With direct supervision.

^ Training agreements and test menus are e-verified after the application is submitted