

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 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