



Dear «first\_name»,

We are happy you have chosen the MLT program as your career choice. We think it is a fascinating field. The tests we perform in the lab are vital and necessary to help doctors diagnose disease and monitor patient treatment. To make sure our program is a good fit for you please read through a basic list that describes some of the things you will be doing as a student in our program and as an employee when you enter the workforce.

Please sign, date and return it to us to place in your file.

**Medical Laboratory Technicians will:** Perform testing on blood and body fluids, identify cells with the use of a microscope and collect blood from patients, both by venipuncture (drawing blood from their arm into vials using a needle and syringe or vacuum tube) or capillary puncture (poking the finger)

### **National Certification:**

Upon graduation, students may sit for the Board of Certification (BOC) National Certification Test. Although taking and passing the certification test is not a requirement for graduation, most employers will be hiring MLTs who have successfully passed this test. Therefore, ours is a rigorous program to not only prepare you for your new career and equip you with the skills of an entry level MLT, but to help prepare you for the certification test.

### **If you are an online student, please note the following:**

This is not a work-at-your own pace program. Online students will follow the same deadlines as the on campus students.

This is a hybrid course, meaning you will come to LATC to complete the same laboratory experiences as the on-campus students. We set dates for these mandatory labs ahead of time and space them throughout the semester so you have adequate time to fit them into your work schedule. The general rule of thumb is 8 hours of lab per credit, so if you were taking 8 credits of MLT classes, you would have about 64 hours of scheduled labs.

Our schedule is set up for you to complete the majority of your general education prerequisites before beginning with the MLT course work. This way, upon graduation, your MLT knowledge will be current. All but one of our general education courses are available online (Sociology is the exception). Anatomy and General Microbiology are hybrid online classes, meaning they require labs on campus as scheduled. Please feel free to call or email and we would love to help you plan your education with us.

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