



Medical Laboratory Assistant

Youth Apprenticeship

MEDICAL LABORATORY ASSISTANT

A Medical Laboratory Assistant youth apprentice performs specimen collection, transport, and processing of fluids for analysis. Youth apprentices pay attention to pre-analytical factors which compromise the accuracy of test results.

Length of Apprenticeship: One year

OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCIES

Youth apprentices must complete a **total of 10** competencies. **Nine** must be from the list below. If necessary, employers can substitute **1** competency with another occupationally appropriate skill. That skill should be added to the competency list for assessment.

Competencies
1. Apply standard precautions and infection prevention controls
2. Maintain inventory
3. Prepare supplies, instruments, and equipment for use
4. Perform pre-analytical procedures
5. Operate lab equipment (i.e., centrifuge, incubators, water bath)
6. Assist in performing Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) waived tests
7. Dispose of biohazardous waste
8. Perform clerical tasks
9. Respect patient confidentiality
10. Perform post-analytical procedures

REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP BRIDGING OPPORTUNITIES

The following Registered Apprenticeship is available in this area:

- Medical Assistant

POST-SECONDARY PATHWAY OPPORTUNITIES

There are several post-secondary pathway opportunities in this area. The following is a partial list.

- Laboratory Technician
- Medical Laboratory Technician
- Phlebotomist