NORTHERN ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CHECKLIST FOR
MEDICAL LABORATORY
TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM APPLICANTS
Fall 2028 Admission

Dear Applicant:

You may wish to use this checklist to create a personal record of the documents/activities you have completed towards applying to the Medical Laboratory Technology Program.

Admission Information and Important Application Dates:

- Deadline to request criteria review is the last Monday in August, 8/30/27
- Program application will open on the 1st Monday in October at 9AM, 10/4/27
- After 10/4/27, applications will be reviewed and processed as they are received or until the cohort and waitlist have filled.

Admission to the Medical Laboratory Technology Program is competitive and seats are limited. After having met with a health program academic advisor to verify completion of all admission requirements, applicants will be provided access to the online application to be considered for admission. Seats fill quickly for program admission and the waitlist.

The information below reflects the MINIMUM standards and requirements to be considered for admission.

Academic Advising:
Individuals interested in applying to the Medical Laboratory Technology Program are encouraged to meet with an academic advisor to answer questions.

- ☐ **APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION** (if you are a new student or have not been enrolled for the previous three years) **Major Choice: General Studies: Health Specialization, Interest in Medical Laboratory Technology Program.**

- ☐ Official high school transcript(s) showing evidence of high school graduation, or the equivalent with passing GED/HiSet scores.

- ☐ Official college transcript(s) if transfer credits are being requested. Transfer credits from other colleges/universities are awarded only for comparable courses that are completed with a grade of "C" or higher.

- ☐ Completion of the mandatory Medical Laboratory Technology Information Session between fall 2026 and Summer 2027.

- ☐ Completion of HES 102 Learning Strategies for Success in Health Care Careers course. Students must attain a "C" or higher for admission to the program. Waivers for HES 102 will not be granted.

- ☐ **Prerequisite Courses Documented:**
  - Two college science courses are required to meet admissions criteria requirement with a grade earned of "C" or higher. Science courses must be in biology with lab, anatomy and physiology with lab, chemistry with lab, or physics with lab. Science courses must be completed within the five years prior to current admission cycle to be considered toward admission and program completion. Suggested science courses for admission are BIO 115 – Physiologic Chemistry and BIO 121 – Anatomy and Physiology I. A five-year waiver will not be accepted for the science courses.

IMPORTANT FINAL STEP:

- ☐ Request for final review of criteria – To be eligible to apply to the Medical Laboratory Technology program, all of the above criteria must be complete. To be considered for application to the Medical Laboratory Technology program for fall 2028, all prospective applicants must email **healthprogramadmissions@necc.mass.edu.**

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program Capacity
The Medical Laboratory Technology Program has a limited number of seats.

Wait List Status
The Medical Laboratory Technology Program Review Committee establishes a wait list for qualified applicants who are not initially accepted into the program. The wait list is approximately 50% of the program capacity. Students are called from the wait list on a space available basis. Applicants who are placed on the Wait List, and for whom a seat does not open during the current admission cycle, are given first option on admission for the following year.

If there are significant changes in the admission criteria, applicants on the wait list may be required to comply with the new criteria. This decision is at the sole discretion of the academic program faculty.

Transfer Credits
Transfer credits from other colleges/universities are awarded only for comparable courses that are completed with a grade of 'C' or higher.
Science courses must have been taken not more than five (5) years prior to the anticipated start date of the Medical Laboratory Technology Program to count as credits towards completing the program.

Health Requirements
Information regarding the College's health requirements will be sent to you upon your acceptance to the program. Information about the program's Technical Standards, describing the physical and behavioral characteristics required to successfully complete the program, are available at our website, http://www.necc.mass.edu/academics/courses-programs/areas/health/required-form/ and we encourage you to review these as soon as possible.

CPR Certification
All students in the Medical Laboratory Technology Program are required to hold CPR certification at the Health Care Provider level. Evidence of current certification is required before a student is allowed to participate in clinical education courses, and certification must be maintained throughout the program.

Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) and Sex Offender Record Information (SORI)
Students interested in participation in an academic program that involves working with children, the disabled, or the elderly, or a cooperative education experience or a program that includes a clinical affiliation with a private public health care provider, may be required to undergo a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check, a Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI) check, and/or a Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) check. Students will need to provide a government issued photo identification and sign a release form allowing the college to view the student's CORI or SORI reports. Depending on the contents of a student's CORI or SORI reports, participation in an academic program or a cooperative education experience or a clinical or practicum affiliation related thereto, may be denied. CORI checks may be performed pursuant to Mass. General Laws, Chapter 6, Sections 172(C), and consistent with guidelines promulgated by the Executive Office for Health and Human Services, and/or the Commonwealth's Department of Public Health. SORI checks may be performed pursuant to Mass. General Laws, Chapter 6, Section 172(C). CHRI checks may be performed based on the NH Code of Administrative Rules and state statutes to include RSA 106-B:14 and RSA 106-B:7,1(b). For more information, contact the Registrar at 978-556-3700.

Clinical Affiliate Random Drug & Alcohol Screening Analysis Notification to Students
Please be advised that students enrolled in the following programs will be required to undergo and pass a drug screening or a drug & alcohol screening analysis in order to be eligible for placement in a clinical facility. Students who are assigned to clinical education experiences at the clinical facilities may be required to undergo and pass random drug screening or random drug & alcohol screening analysis in order to remain at that clinical facility. Students who either fail to pass, or refuse to submit to, or fail to report within the required time frame for a drug screening or a drug & alcohol screening analysis will be deemed ineligible for clinical placement, which may affect their status in the program. Health Programs in which Students are Subject to Drug Screening Analysis only: Dental

Assisting, Paramedic Technology (EMT-P), Medical Assisting, Nursing Associate Degree, Phlebotomy Technician, Practical Nursing, Radiologic Technology, Computer Tomography, Medical Laboratory Technology. Health Programs in which Students are Subject to Drug & Alcohol Screening Analysis: Sleep Technologist, Respiratory Care. If you have any questions pertaining to this policy, please contact the Office of the Dean of Health Professions.

Information about Certification

Certification is the process by which a non-governmental agency or association grants recognition of competence to an individual who has certain predetermined qualifications, as specified by the agency or association. The American Society for Clinical Pathology Board of Certification (ASCP-BOC) Board of Certification provides a mechanism for these individuals to be recognized as having the necessary competence to perform the medical laboratory roles the seek. This mechanism is called certification. (From the ASCP Board of Certification website)

As a graduate of an accredited Medical Laboratory Technology Program you will have the opportunity to obtain and maintain certification through the American Society of Clinical Pathology Board of Certification (ASCP-BOC). For more information about the certification please visit, www.ascp.org.

Currently there is no separate Massachusetts State Licensure required to work as a medical laboratory technician.