

# Medical Laboratory Technician

## The Program

A medical laboratory technician works behind the scenes to investigate and analyze blood and other body fluids to reveal information about disease and how the body is responding to treatment. If you are detail orientated and have good hand/eye coordination, a medical laboratory career may be for you. Workers in this field should have an inquisitive nature, enjoy working with lab equipment, possess manual dexterity, and have an aptitude for math and science.

## The PSC/KCC Partnership

Through a partnership with Kankakee Community College (KCC), students take classes at PSC and receive a degree from KCC. Most of the credit hours for the program come from PSC. Students must apply to the program early, be accepted at KCC, and take the core curricula. Please note that students will need to travel to the KCC campus on occasion. Those who wish to enroll must first make an appointment with the health career counselor at KCC. Call (815) 802-8835.

## For More Information

Contact Patricia Zuccarello, interim dean, health and industrial technology, at (708) 709-2947 or [pzuccarello@prairiestate.edu](mailto:pzuccarello@prairiestate.edu). At KCC contact Glenda Forneris, coordinator of medical laboratory technician program, at (815) 802-8835 or [gforneris@kcc.edu](mailto:gforneris@kcc.edu).

## Degrees and Certificates

Medical Laboratory Technician—A.A.S. Degree

## About the Curriculum

The Medical Laboratory Technology program combines both the classroom and the clinical experiences necessary for this growing field. The program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the national registry exam given by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and other certifying agencies.

- General education courses, such as chemistry, English, psychology, and mathematics are taken at PSC.
- Core medical laboratory courses are taken online.
- Hands-on practicums are scheduled at clinical sites in the south suburban area.

## Career Opportunities

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, the number of job openings is expected to continue to exceed the number of job seekers. Continued opportunities are expected due to our nation's aging population, the discovery of new diseases, and the development of new medical technology. A wide range of employment settings are available including hospital labs, clinical labs, forensic labs, veterinary research labs, and pharmacies.



## Reasons to Attend

### Prairie State College

- Fully accredited
- Credits that transfer
- Small classes
- Great career programs
- Dedicated professors
- Convenient scheduling
- Free tutoring and open computer labs

### Admissions

PSC offers open admission that encourages diversity and admits all high school graduates or the equivalent.

Here's how to start your college career at PSC:

- Provide a high school diploma or GED.
- Take the COMPASS Placement Test or submit a copy of ACT scores.
- Meet with an advisor from Counseling and Advising to select courses. For questions, contact an academic advisor at (708) 709-3506.



## Financial Aid Information

PSC's tuition is affordable, and financial aid is available through a variety of sources. Additional information at [prairiestate.edu/finaid](http://prairiestate.edu/finaid).

### How to Apply

#### 1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The school code for PSC is 001640. Apply online at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov).

#### 2. Notification from Department of Education

If you listed PSC's school code in your FAFSA, the college's Financial Aid Office will receive your report in approximately 14 days.

#### 3. Notification from PSC

Once PSC receives your FAFSA from the Dept. of Education, a letter is mailed to the student indicating needed documents. Students are required to complete the PSC financial aid application.

#### 4. Determination Letter

Once all documents are completed, an award or ineligible letter is issued.

### PSC Financial Aid Opportunities:

- PSC Board of Trustees Scholarships cover tuition and fees for two years.
- The PSC Foundation awards more than \$75,000 in scholarships annually.

For more information about how to obtain financial aid, visit [prairiestate.edu/finaid](http://prairiestate.edu/finaid), call (708) 709-3735, or email [financial-aid@prairiestate.edu](mailto:financial-aid@prairiestate.edu).

### Gainful Employment Disclosure

Visit [prairiestate.edu/ge](http://prairiestate.edu/ge) for important information about our gainful employment programs.

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