

UA Northark's Medical Laboratory Technician Program

Licensure Requirements by State

The North Arkansas College of the University of Arkansas MLT Program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS).

The program provides its graduates the ability to obtain national MLT certification through the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Board of Certification (BOC), American Medical Technologists (AMT), and the American Association of Bioanalysts (AAB). The ASCP Board of Certification is recommended over other national certifications for the following reasons:

- All states requiring national certification as part of their licensure requirements accept the ASCP exam
- Not all states will accept national certification from the American Medical Technologists (AMT) and American Association of Bioanalysts (AAB) examinations
- States without licensure laws primarily accept ASCP as a qualified credential to perform laboratory testing

As of 2026, approximately 10–12 U.S. states and territories require licensure for MLTs. Requirements are subject to change and students should verify directly with state boards. Although UA Northark's MLT program provides the required education/training, as well as the ability for students to obtain national certification; students wishing to obtain licensure in a state should contact the state licensing board for any additional requirements such as licensing fees, criminal background checks, and continuing education requirements.

State	Licensure Requirements	Comments
<i>California</i>	Associate's degree or 60 semester or equivalent quarter units in chemical, physical, biological, or clinical laboratory science with specific course requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36 semester or equivalent quarter units in physical or biological sciences • 6 semester or equivalent quarter units in chemistry • 6 semester or equivalent quarter units in biology Certification by ASCP, AMT, AAB Completion of the online California quiz on state laboratory laws and regulations.	Students who complete the UA Northark's MLT Program, pass a national certification exam, maintain their certification, and complete the necessary online California quiz may qualify for California MLT state licensure. Additional biology credits may be required to meet state requirements. California has distinct license categories (MLT vs CLS); most NAACLS MLT programs align with MLT licensure, but additional coursework is often required. https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OSPHLD/LFS/Pages/Home.aspx
<i>Florida</i>	Completion of an Associate's degree (or higher) in a Medical Laboratory.	Students who complete UA Northark's MLT Program, pass a national certification exam, maintain their certification, and complete the necessary

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	<p>Completion of training from a NAACLS-accredited medical laboratory training program.</p> <p>Certification by an approved agency such as ASCP or AMT.</p> <p>Completion of Florida board-approved courses: one hour in HIV/ AIDS and two hours of the prevention of medical errors education.</p>	<p>Florida board-approved course should qualify for Florida licensure.</p> <p>https://floridasclinicallabs.gov/</p>
<i>Hawaii</i>	<p>Completion of an associate degree from an accredited college or university in medical laboratory science.</p> <p>Completion of training from a NAACLS-accredited medical laboratory training program.</p> <p>Certification by ASCP, AMT, AAB, or another approved agency.</p>	<p>Students who complete the UA Northark's MLT Program, pass a national certification exam and maintain their certification should qualify for Hawaii licensure. They may need a notarized letter from the MLT Program certifying the successful completion of the program.</p> <p>https://statelab.doh.hawaii.gov/licensing/</p>
<i>Louisiana</i>	<p>Completion of an associate degree from an accredited college or university in medical laboratory science.</p> <p>Completion of training from a NAACLS-accredited medical laboratory training program.</p> <p>Certification by ASCP, AMT, AAB, or another approved agency.</p>	<p>Students who complete UA Northark's MLT Program, pass a national certification exam, and maintain their certification should qualify for Louisiana licensure.</p> <p>The Louisiana licensure application does require a background check.</p> <p>http://www.lsbme.la.gov/licensure/clinical-laboratory-personnel</p>
<i>Montana</i>	<p>Completion of an associate degree from an accredited college or university in medical laboratory science.</p> <p>Completion of training from a NAACLS-accredited medical laboratory training program.</p> <p>Certification by ASCP, AMT, AAB, or another approved agency.</p>	<p>Students who complete UA Northark's MLT Program, pass a national certification exam and maintain their certification should qualify for Montana licensure.</p> <p>https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/clinical-laboratory-science-practitioners/</p>
<i>Nevada</i>	<p>Completion of an associate degree from an accredited college or university in medical laboratory science.</p>	<p>Students who complete UA Northark's MLT Program, pass a national certification exam and maintain their</p>

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	<p>Completion of training from a NAACLS-accredited medical laboratory training program.</p> <p>Certification by ASCP, AMT, AAB, or another approved agency.</p>	<p>certification should qualify for Nevada licensure.</p> <p>https://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/MedicalLabs/Medical_Laboratories_-_Home/</p>
<p><i>New York</i></p>	<p>MLT(ASCP) certification approved for licensure purposes; students must pass the examination with a converted score of at least 75 as determined by the State Board for Clinical Laboratory Technology Graduate of a program that is determined to be “substantially equivalent to a registered NY CLT (MLT) program, it must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -be a program leading to an associate or higher degree that contains didactic and clinical education that integrates pre-analytical, analytical, and post-analytical components of laboratory services, including the principles and practices of quality assurance/ quality improvement; -include coursework, which shall include a laboratory component in each area, in each of the following subject areas or their equivalent as determined by the department: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inorganic chemistry; • clinical chemistry; • physiology, with anatomy content; • microbiology, including clinical microbiology; • immunology and serology; • hematology/ hemostasis; • clinical microscopy, including body fluids; and • immunoematology; <p>include curricular content in each of the following subject areas or their equivalent as determined by the department:</p> <p>statistics;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • infection control and universal precautions; and • ethics <p>-include a supervised clinical experience of at least 30 hours per week for at least 10 weeks(i.e. 300 hours) or its equivalent as determined by the department, in the practice of clinical laboratory technician, which provides</p>	<p>Students who complete UA Northark's MLT Program, pass a national certification exam and maintain their certification may qualify for New York state licensure.</p> <p>Additional credits such as inorganic chemistry may be required to meet state requirements.</p> <p>https://www.op.nysed.gov/clinical-laboratory-technicians</p>

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	the student with clinical experience that includes but is not limited to: hematology, hemostasis, immunohematology, immunology, clinical chemistry, urinalysis/body fluids, and clinical microbiology.	
North Dakota	<p>Completion of a NAACLS accredited associate degree MLT program.</p> <p>MLT(ASCP) certification is approved for licensure purposes if performed within two years of the date of application for initial licensure. If licensure application is greater than two years from the MLT(ASCP) date, the applicant must provide either proof of 300 hours of practice within three years of the application date or proof of 30 continuing education hours within two years of the date of application for initial licensure.</p>	<p>Students who complete UA Northark's MLT Program, pass the ASCP national certification exam and maintain their certification should qualify for North Dakota licensure.</p> <p>https://www.ndclinlab.com/licenserequirements.asp</p>
Puerto Rico	<p>Licensure required to practice as a medical laboratory professional and governed by the Puerto Rico Board of Examiners for Medical Technologists (Junta Examinadora)</p> <p>Must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete an accredited medical laboratory/medical technology program • Pass a Puerto Rico licensure (reválida) exam or qualify via endorsement • Submit transcripts, documentation, and application to the Board 	<p>Profession regulated under Public Law 167 (1988), as amended</p> <p>Puerto Rico Board of Medical Technologists: https://www.salud.pr.gov/CMS/486</p>
Rhode Island	<p>Medical laboratory technician. The department of health shall issue a medical laboratory technician's license to an individual who meets the qualifications promulgated by the 30 board, including at least one of the following qualifications:</p> <p>An associate degree or completion of sixty (60) semester (or equivalent) hours from a 32 medical laboratory technician program (MLT), or equivalent, accredited by an agency recognized 33 by the United States Department of Education, that included a structured curriculum in medical laboratory techniques;</p>	<p>Students who complete UA Northark's MLT Program, pass a national certification exam and maintain their certification should qualify for Rhode Island licensure.</p> <p>https://webserver.rilegislature.gov/BillText21/SenateText21/S0169.pdf</p>
Tennessee	Completion of an associate degree from an accredited college or university in medical laboratory science.	Students who complete UA Northark's MLT Program, pass the ASCP national certification exam and maintain

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	<p>Completion of training from a NAACLS-accredited medical laboratory training program.</p> <p>Certification by ASCP</p>	<p>their certification should qualify for Tennessee licensure.</p> <p>https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/medlab-board/ml-board/applications.html</p>
Washington	<p>Completion of a NAACLS accredited associate degree MLT program.</p> <p>Certification by ASCP or another approved agency.</p>	<p>WA Department of Health credentialing portal: https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates [doh.wa.gov]</p> <p>Laboratory science profession info: https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/Documents/Pubs/681019.pdf</p>
West Virginia	<p>Completion of an associate degree from an accredited college or university in medical laboratory science.</p> <p>Completion of training from a NAACLS-accredited medical laboratory training program.</p> <p>Certification by ASCP</p>	<p>Students who complete UA Northark's MLT Program, pass the ASCP national certification exam, and maintain their certification should qualify for West Virginia licensure.</p> <p>https://dhhr.wv.gov/ols/regulatory/Pages/Licensure.aspx</p>