

The Medical Laboratory Technician Program at Western Dakota Tech is currently applying for accreditation through the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS).

The accreditation process is a lengthy (approximately 2-3 years) process of external peer review in which an agency grants public recognition to a program of study or an institution that meets established qualifications and educational standards.

Programs that participate in the NAACLS programmatic accreditation process culminate in an associate's degree or higher upon completion.

Participation in the accreditation process is voluntary, there is no legal requirement for specialized programs and institutions to participate. However, there are factors that make accreditation valuable and it is the intention and commitment of the MLT Program at Western Dakota Tech to receive NAACLS accreditation.

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While the MLT Program is applying for accreditation/approval through NAACLS, students' eligibility to take some certification exams may depend on whether or not the MLT Program achieves "serious applicant" status.

At the time of publishing this document, the MLT Program at Western Dakota Tech is on route to reach "serious applicant" status by early spring 2018.

The first graduates of the MLT Program will graduate in late spring 2018, therefore, as the MLT Program attains "serious applicant" status, student will be eligible to sit for their American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP) Board of Certification exams.

ASCP Board of Certification

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