



Medical Laboratory Assistant - Phlebotomy

Required Steps to Obtain Your Credential	1. To sit for the Phlebotomy Technician (PBT) certification - Students must successfully complete a National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science (NAACLS) accredited program or meet the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) - Board of Certification (BOC) eligibility requirements. The requirements are found at: www.ascp.org/certification To sit for the Certified Medical Laboratory Assistant (CMLA) certification – Students must successfully complete an American Medical Technologist (AMT) approved program and meet the American Medical Technologist (AMT) eligibility requirements. The requirements are found at: https://americanmechtech.org/certified-medical-laboratory-assistant
	2. To sit for the Phlebotomy Technician (PBT) certification - determine an eligibility route (Route 1), complete the online ASCP-BOC application and submit the application fee. To sit for the Certified Medical Laboratory Assistant (CMLA) certification – determine an eligibility route (Education), complete the online AMT Certified Medical Laboratory Assistant (CMLS) application and submit the application fee
	3. Submit the required documentation for verification of eligibility. <i>NOTE: ASCP and AMT must receive official transcripts prior to receiving certification</i>
	4. Receive approval to take the computerized exam(s) at a Pearson Professional Center within a 3-month period upon exam eligibility.
	5. Schedule the exam(s) at the Pearson Professional Center of your choice. <i>NOTE: A preliminary pass/fail result will be provided at the end of the exam.</i>
	6. Receive email notification to log in and view the final exam(s) score report. <i>NOTE: Certificate will be sent approximately 4-8 weeks after receiving passing score report</i>
	7. Maintaining the certification(s) - Initial certification is valid for 3 years. The Credential Maintenance Program is required every three years to maintain certification. <i>NOTE: If you plan to work outside of South Dakota, you will be required to apply for registration and/or licensure within that state. Each state may have different requirements for this process.</i>