

# Medical Laboratory Assistant



## Job Outlook

Employment  
Rate  
**85%**

Average Hourly  
Wage  
**\$22.00**

(Canada Job Bank, Nov 2023)

**Modern medicine depends on a variety of lab tests which doctors use to help diagnose and treat patients. Laboratory assistants are qualified individuals that have the attention to detail and a caring personality which makes them a vital member of the medical field.**

Confederation College's Medical Laboratory Assistant one-year program provides students with the education and hands-on experience they need to succeed in a lab career. Students collect blood samples for laboratory analysis and assist professionals in the lab. They also learn how to work with patients to conduct laboratory tests and procedures including positioning Holter Monitors and performing ECGs. The emphasis is on building practical skills backed up with in-class learning to give students a good overview of the field.

Upon graduation, job vacancies are available in the Thunder Bay area and across Canada. Graduates work in a variety of lab positions including Lab Technician, Phlebotomist (taking blood samples), and Clinical Assistant. Opportunities are available in different clinical settings including hospitals, clinics, research labs, private and public testing labs and commercial diagnostic supply companies.

Credential Upon Completion	Ontario College Certificate
Annual Fees (CAD)	\$18,067 + \$1,936 program costs (2024-25)
English Proficiency	IELTS 6.5, no band lower than 6.0
Eligible Applicants	High School Diploma + Grade 12 math, biology & chemistry
Intake	September