

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION CLINICAL LABORATORY ASSISTANT

The Certificate of Completion Clinical Laboratory Assistant prepares students for entry level positions in clinical laboratory settings, such as medical center clinical laboratories, reference laboratories, research laboratories, physician office laboratories and regulatory agencies. The program includes instruction in basic anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, phlebotomy, specimen processing, quality control, laboratory orientation, and a practicum/externship in an approved laboratory.

Upon successful program completion, graduates are eligible to take a certification examination and may take the examination through American Medical Technologists (AMT) or American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP).

PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this program the student will be able to:

- Practice accepted standards for infection control and safety as mandated by OSHA and CLSI
- Perform venipunctures and the collection and processing of biological specimens proficiently following CLSI standards
- Perform specimen transport and processing according to CLSI standards
- Apply appropriate quality assurance and quality control to waived laboratory testing according to CLIA regulations
- Provide considerate and respectful care of patients by complying with their rights
- Follow HIPAA guidelines for the protection of patient safety
- Utilize effective communication techniques with patients and members of the interdisciplinary healthcare team
- Apply ICD codes to clinical laboratory setting

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This is a restricted-entry program and students must submit a separate application along with their college admission application. Applications are now being accepted for the 16/17 cohort. For more information contact the Administrative Assistant to the Director of Nursing & Allied Health, Sumner Hall, Room 4 or at 541-888-7443 or the Director of Nursing & Allied Health at 541-888-7298.

Students are required to take the college placement test to determine skill level and readiness in math, reading and writing. As part of their training program, students must begin with the courses within their skill level as determined by the college placement test scores.

Clinical Laboratory Assistant students must meet statutory mandates for healthcare providers. These statutes include a criminal background check; immunizations; screening for tuberculosis and substance abuse; CPR/BLS for health care provides; and OSHA trainings.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete a minimum of 48 credit hours with a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or better. All courses in this program must be completed with a 'C' or better. Once course must be completed at Southwestern before the Certificate of Completion Clinical Laboratory Assistant is awarded.

Complete the graduation application process one term prior to the term of completion (e.g. spring term graduates must apply during winter term).

GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT DISCLOSURE

SWOCC is required by federal regulations to disclose information related to SWOCC's educational programs that lead to gainful employment in a recognized occupation. This information is intended to provide students the opportunity to measure employment outcomes associated with SWOCC's certificate programs.

Gainful employment information can be found online at <http://www.socc.edu/images/ge/clinicallab.html>.

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PREREQUISITES	CIS90 (2) Computer Basics (or demonstrate proficiency)	Reading Score of ASSET42 COMPASS81	MTH60 (4) Algebra I (or placement test score)	WR90 (3) Paragraph Fundamentals (or placement test score)	
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FALL = 18 CREDITS	AH111 (3) Medical Terminology I	AH121 (3) Body Structures and Functions I	AH152 (2) Medical Law & Ethics	CLA100 (4) Clinical Laboratory Assistant Skills I	CHEM110 (4) Foundations of General, Organic & Biochemistry
WINTER = 15 CREDITS	CLA105 (4) Clinical Laboratory Assistant Skills II	CLA110 (2) Clinical Laboratory Assis- tant Administrative Skills	CLA280A (3) Phlebotomy/Laboratory Practicum I	SP100 (3) Basic Speech Comm. (or higher)	WR115 (3) Introduction to Expository Writing (or higher)
SPRING = 15 CREDITS	CLA115 (4) Clinical Laboratory Assistant Skills III	CLA280B (4) Phlebotomy/Laboratory Practicum II	BI234 (4) Microbiology	BA285 (3) Human Relations in Organizations	
48 CREDITS = TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENT					

PROGRAM NOTES All students in this program are advised to check individual course descriptions for prerequisites.