H299 Medical Laboratory Technician Program

Congratulations on your acceptance to the Med Lab Technician Program! We are very pleased to offer you the opportunity to begin your study of this exciting field with us.

Prior to classes in September, the following are required:

1. **Health & Safety and Immunization Requirements due September 16th:**

   a. You are required to start your immunization requirements as soon as you have been accepted into the program. It may take up to 2 months to complete the medical requirements, so it is imperative to begin as soon as possible. Please print a copy of the *Health Assessment Record* and make an appointment with your physician or nurse practitioner. You may also contact the Campus Health Centre (519-972-2727 ext. 4484) to make an appointment. Bring your health records and health form to your appointment.

   This is a requirement to attend **mandatory** laboratory classes and clinical placement. This provides protection as you will be exposed to dangerous materials, samples, and infectious agents in active laboratory sessions. You will be required to complete an Electronic Requirements Verification (ERV) Review through the Verified platform to receive clearance to begin your clinical placement. *Please note there is a cost associated with Synergy. Please access the platform for details* here: https://www.stclaircollege.ca/programs/synergy-placement-notice-students

   The Health Assessment Record form can be found on the *Placement* tab of the program website: https://www.stclaircollege.ca/programs/medical-laboratory-technician

   b. There is a Health & Safety Module that you must **review and acknowledge** on the Medical Laboratory Technician Program Blackboard during the first week of school. There are instructions on how to complete the Health & Safety review, quiz, and documentation. This is a requirement of St. Clair College.

2. Required Equipment, Clothing/Uniform, Textbooks:

a. **Maroon/wine scrub-type uniform (pant set):**
May be purchased from any retail supplier or the Campus Store at St. Clair College for approximately $45.00. Embroidery is available at the bookstore but is not required. **You will be required to wear scrubs on the first day of class, on Tuesdays.**
Note: To ensure receipt of the items prior to the start of classes, we suggest you place your order(s) in early August.

b. **Safety glasses/goggles:**
Available at any optical store, or the Campus Store at St. Clair College for approximately $10. If you wear prescription glasses, you will still need to purchase safety glasses that fit over top of your prescription glasses. For those with prescription glasses, side shields are only acceptable if they form a complete seal with your glasses.
If you are a person who experiences Colour Vision Deficiency (CVD), please let your Program Coordinator know as soon as possible so accommodation can be provided.

c. **Appropriate laboratory footwear**:
Shoes should be made of an acceptable, rigid form of construction with closed toes. Heels and soles should be constructed of non-skid material. High-heeled shoes, clogs, plastic slip-on, or *Crocs* are not acceptable due to health and safety concerns.

d. **Lab coats:**
Lab coats may be purchased from any retail supplier or from the Campus Store at St. Clair College. The approximate cost of a lab coat purchased at the Campus Store is $27. The coat should be **knee-length** and be able to button/snap completely. Lab coats must not be worn outside of the lab.

e. **Textbooks:**
Visit our Campus Bookstore
You will be able to search the required texts online by selecting the; Term, Division, Department (MDL), and Course Code(s). The Campus Bookstore staff will be able to direct you to the designated program areas. Many textbooks are used in multiple classes and in winter semester. The cost of textbooks for the program is approximately $680.

Program Facts and Information

- Organization and time management skills are essential, as this is a demanding program.
- Laboratory attendance is mandatory.
- For courses that have a theory and laboratory component— you must successfully pass both the theory and the laboratory components independently.
- You will have multiple exams and practical laboratory assessments throughout the program to ensure you are meeting program requirements.
- This is a competency-based program, which means the curriculum is based on the national standards (CSMLS) for entry level medical laboratory assistants. You are encouraged to learn more about our national certification body: https://csmls.org/

Orientation Day

General College Orientation is normally held during the last week of August. You will receive an official Orientation Package sometime in the summer. Please obtain your personal schedule online, prior to starting in September, to follow the assigned days, times, and rooms.

The Medical Laboratory Technician Orientation Session will be held during the first week of classes. This information will be provided at the General College Orientation.

Clinical Internship Information

The Medical Laboratory Technician program clinical placement is four consecutive weeks occurring in the Spring semester. The program arranges placement at participating clinical sites located in Southern Ontario. Please refer to the *Placement* tab on our program webpage for more information:

https://www.stclaircollege.ca/programs/medical-laboratory-technician

Transfer Credits

There is no Fast-Track for university students/ post-secondary graduates. You may be able to gain advanced standing in courses, but it will take one year to complete the Medical Laboratory Technician program.

Transfer credits will be assessed and processed when you are accepted to the program and begin your studies in the Fall. There is a minimal grade of 60% for a course to be eligible to transfer. This process involves reviewing course outlines, and transcripts to ensure graduation requirements are met.

https://www.ontransfer.ca/index_en.php

Communication

Continued communication throughout your time at St. Clair College is essential. Please check your St. Clair College email address, and Learning Management System, Blackboard, on a regular basis to stay informed on requirements and updates.

At the start of classes, students must use their St. Clair College email addresses to communicate within the College (faculty, coordinators, etc.). Emails sent from personal addresses will not be answered.

Looking forward to seeing you in September,

The Medical Laboratory Technician Team