

## Career Profile

### MEDICAL LABORATORY ASSISTANT (Technician II/III)

#### What is a MLA Technician II/Technician III? – Career Description/Scope

Medical Laboratory Assistants (MLA) – Technician II/III are unregulated health professionals who perform a variety of different work, as they interact with patients and/or assist with testing in the laboratory.

#### Education Requirements to Work in Ontario

- Minimum Grade 12
- Preference given to those completed Medical Laboratory Assistant Course-one year

#### MLA Technician II/Technician III Practice Requirements

- N/A

#### How does a MLA Technician II/Technician III Practice at TBRHSC?

Following the orders of a physician, MLA Tech II's perform blood collection (under the Laboratory & Specimen Collection Centre Licensing Act).

MLA Technician III's work in the laboratory under the supervision of a regulated health professional.

#### What does an MLA Technician II/Technician III Do?

##### Technician II/III

- Prioritize and Process blood collection requests
- Wash-up duties for Laboratory

##### Technician III

- Receive and distribute samples sent to Laboratory
- Load urinalysis equipment
- Plate Microbiology specimens to appropriate agar plates
- Prepare non-critical cytology specimens for staining
- Assist Pathology/Pathologists for surgical specimen processing
- Prepare and assist Pathologist with Postmortem examination

#### Web Resources

- College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Ontario [www.cmlto.com](http://www.cmlto.com)
- Ontario Society of Medical Technologists [www.osmt.org](http://www.osmt.org)
- Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science [www.csmls.org](http://www.csmls.org)