

Placement Opportunities for Learners at TBRHSC **Medical Laboratory Technologist**



Medical Laboratory Technologists (MLTs) are regulated health care professionals who play a critical role in the health system performing lab tests on blood, body fluids, cells and tissues. Licensed MLTs working in various [specialties](#) process specimens, analyze results, and interpret findings. The knowledge and expertise of the MLT contributes to innovation in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases and medical conditions. Nearly half a million lab tests are performed in Ontario each day.

STAFF/FACULTY

There are close to 175 staff members working in Laboratory Services at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) in total. This includes Pathologists, **Medical Laboratory Technologists (MLTs)**, Medical Laboratory Assistants (MLAs – Technician Level II-Phlebotomist, Technician Level III and Technician Level IV (Autopsy)), Pathology Assistants (PAs), clerical personnel and students. Approximately 60 of these staff members are MLTs.

Laboratory Services is licensed by the Ontario Ministry of Health and accredited by the Institute of Quality Management in Healthcare (IQMH) to perform general and specialized tests. Over 2.7 million tests are performed annually at TBRHSC.

LEARNER PLACEMENTS

The MLT Student Placements are approximately one year in length, inclusive of all of the following disciplines:

- Specimen Procurement (Phlebotomy & Central Receiving) & Dispatch
- Biochemistry & Point of Care Testing (POCT)
- Haematology & Flow Cytometry
- Transfusion Medicine
- Microbiology
- Pathology

HOW TO APPLY FOR A PLACEMENT AT TBRHSC

Students must be enrolled in a postsecondary Medical Laboratory Technologist Program (three year college diploma or four year university degree). Placement requests must be formally requested via the college or university.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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AFFILIATED COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES

- Ontario Tech University (Oshawa, Ontario)
- St. Lawrence College (Kingston, Ontario)
- Cambrian College (Sudbury, Ontario)
- Michener Institute of Technology (Toronto, Ontario)
- Anderson College (Mississauga, Ontario)
- St. Claire College (Windsor, Ontario)

Affiliation agreements are required between academic institutions and TBRHSC before placements will be approved. If you are interested in a placement and attend an institution not listed above, please have your program coordinator contact Karen Anderson in Academic Affairs at least eight weeks in advance at 807-684-6416 or by email [to anderska@tbh.net](mailto:kanderson@tbh.net).

HELPFUL WEBSITES

- College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Ontario: <http://www.cmlto.com/>
- Medical Laboratory Professionals Association of Ontario: <https://www.mlpa.org/>
- Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science: <https://csmls.org/>