

Recruitment Hotsheet – Laboratory Professionals

Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians held about 328,100 jobs in 2008. More than half of those jobs were in hospitals. Most of the remaining jobs were in offices of physicians and in medical and diagnostic laboratories. A small number were in educational services and in other ambulatory healthcare services. Job opportunities are expected to be excellent because it is anticipated that the number of job openings will continue to exceed the number of jobseekers. Although significant, job growth will not be the only source of opportunities. As in most occupations, many additional openings will result from the need to replace workers who transfer to other occupations, retire or stop working for some other reason.

Employment Trends

Rapid job growth and excellent job opportunities are expected. Most jobs will continue to be in hospitals, but employment will grow rapidly in other settings, as well. Employment of clinical laboratory workers is expected to grow by 14 percent between 2008 and 2018—faster than the average for all occupations. The volume of laboratory tests continues to increase with both population growth and the development of new types of tests. Technological advances will continue to have opposing effects on employment. On the one hand, new, increasingly powerful diagnostic tests and advances in genomics will encourage additional testing and spur employment. On the other hand, research and development efforts targeted at simplifying and automating routine testing procedures may enhance the ability of non-laboratory personnel to perform tests now conducted in laboratories. Although hospitals are expected to continue as the major employers of clinical laboratory workers, employment in medical and diagnostic laboratories, offices of physicians and other ambulatory healthcare services is expected to grow rapidly.

Lab Technician has made the *U.S. News & World Report* “50 Best Careers” list for the past two years.

Top Markets

1. New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ
2. Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA
3. Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH
4. Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD
5. Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI

Top Programs*

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*ranked by number of bachelor’s degrees awarded

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Upcoming Events

American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, July 26-30, 2011 – Atlanta, GA
American Medical Technologists, August 1-6, 2011 – Miami, FL
College of American Pathologists, September 11-14, 2011 – Dallas, TX
National Society for Histotechnology, September 16-21, 2011 – Cincinnati, OH
American Society of Clinical Pathologists, October 13-23, 2011 – Las Vegas, NV
American Association of Blood Banks, October 22-25, 2011 – San Diego, CA
American Society of Cytopathology, November 4-8, 2011 – Baltimore, MD
American Society of Hematology, December 10-13, 2011 – San Diego, CA