



# Lab Assistant

## Highlights

A career as a lab assistant can be a very rewarding, one with:

- Stability
- Good Pay
- Growth Opportunities
- Professional Recognition

## Job Outlook

The US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) projected overall employment of medical laboratory technologists and technicians is projected to grow 13 percent from 2016 to 2026, faster than the average for all occupations. An increase in the aging population is expected to lead to a greater need to diagnose medical conditions.

## What Lab Assistants Do

Lab assistants do a variety of what's called "pre-analytical" functions. Some examples are venipuncture, receiving and labeling specimens, verifying test orders, entering patient and test information into a database, keeping track of lab supply inventory, preparing specimens in various ways.

## Work Environment

Lab Assistants can work in a variety of healthcare environments, including hospitals, medical and diagnostic laboratories, blood donation centers and doctor's offices.

## How to Become a Lab Assistant

The best way to become a lab assistant is by attending a reputable accredited career college such as California Institute of Medical Science.

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