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# Laboratory Assistant

at Macomb Community College  
**CENTER FOR HEALTH CAREERS**

There have never been as many careers in health care as there are right now. Whether you are interested in short-term training (nine months or less) to obtain a high-demand entry-level job, are already employed in health care and need to continue your education, or need help landing that first health care job, Macomb's Center for Health Careers has a program to meet your needs!

*"We have to be plumbers, electricians or construction engineers on the space station, but at the same time, running a laboratory, being the best laboratory assistants we can be. It's very exciting; it's a lot of fun."*

Thomas Marshburn, M.D., American Astronaut

## What Does a Laboratory Assistant Do?

You may not end up on a space station like Dr. Marshburn, but if you like science and the sense of pride that goes along with helping others, becoming a Laboratory Assistant is a great way to *launch* your career.

Laboratory Assistants learn knowledge and skills needed to assist medical lab professionals in processing clinical specimens for distribution. You'll be required to have good analytical abilities and keen attention to detail. You must be able to work under pressure and have manual dexterity. Because you'll work with minute substances and technical equipment, good vision and computer skills are mandatory.

You'll likely be working in a clinical laboratory—the kind found in hospitals, outpatient clinics and processing centers. Be sure that you are comfortable in a medical environment where people are often uncertain or worried about their health.

## The Program

The Laboratory Assistant program is part of Macomb's Center for Health Careers offered through the Workforce and Continuing Education division. The program includes an unpaid 80-hour lab assistant internship.

Upon successful completion, you will be awarded a Macomb Workforce & Continuing Education certificate.





### **LOOKING FOR A JOB?**

Contact Career Services  
586.445.7321  
careerservices@macomb.edu

The Center for Health Careers has an Occupational Coordinator who will act as your liaison with Career Services.

**For more information, contact:**  
Kim Wojcik at 586.226.4807 or  
healthcareers@macomb.edu

**For general information  
about Macomb Community  
College, call 866.Macomb1  
(866.622.6621) or email  
answer@macomb.edu**

## *Certificate Requirements*

To earn your certificate you will take the following courses:

- Medical Terminology
- Laboratory Assistant
- Laboratory Assistant Internship

Prior to internship placement, all students must pass a criminal background check, drug screen, TB test and immunization titers, and purchase a uniform at your own expense. A current Basic Life Support for Health Providers card is required prior to internship. This can be acquired by taking Macomb's HLTH-8096 course.

## *Employment Outlook*

### **A CAREER OPTION**

The health care profession is in the spotlight as one of the fastest-growing fields in the U.S.

The median annual salary for laboratory assistants in Michigan is \$29,270, with expected job growth of 15 percent through 2024.



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