

Bunker Hill Community College

# Medical Laboratory Assistant Certificate Program

Take your healthcare career to the next level. Medical Laboratory Assistants (MLA) play an important role in clinical laboratory testing by aiding the medical technologist and ensuring efficient lab practice.

Medical laboratory assistants perform a variety of duties within the medical field including:

- Receiving laboratory specimens from hospitals, clinics, and other practices
- Preparing specimens for laboratory testing
- Manually testing specimens
- Examining specimens for the presence, or the absence, of specified cells and other biological matter
- Reporting findings of laboratory testing
- Recording laboratory test results



## Admissions Criteria

In order to be considered for admission to the MLA Certificate Program, applicants must:

- Attend a mandatory information session. Visit [bhcc.edu/info](http://bhcc.edu/info) for dates and locations.
- Possess a high school diploma or high school equivalency
- Complete the following pre-requisite courses with a C or better: BIO-108 Human Biology & Lab

Students successfully completing the BHCC MLA Certificate degree are eligible to take the MLA certification examination offered by the American Society of Clinical Pathology.

**For any questions, please contact the Program Director and Department Chair Perla Gilman**  
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**To apply to the MLA Certificate Program, please visit [bhcc.edu/apply](http://bhcc.edu/apply)**

## Job Outlook

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics employment for Medical Laboratory Assistants is expected to increase by 12 percent by 2026.

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