

Health Sciences Program Admissions Guide

Clinical Laboratory Assistant Program

Program: Clinical Laboratory Assistant (CLA)

Credential(s) Awarded: Clinical Assistant

Program Webpage: <https://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/health-sciences/laboratory-clinic-assistant.html>

Program Location: Marietta Campus

Admissions Format: Open enrollment, fixed sequence. Courses have limited seats and are filled on a first come, first served basis. The program does not maintain a waiting list.

Students are recommended to follow one of the [Clinical Laboratory Assistant Program Tracks](#).

Please Note: Track 1 includes [Requirement for Clinical Education](#). If completing this track, students will receive communication from program faculty via their student email prior to the start of the Fall or Spring semester.

Course Schedule: Schedule is full-time. On campus laboratory courses are typically held two days/week during each semester.

Clinical Laboratory Assistant: 1 or 2 semesters, 18 total credits.

Accelerated Phlebotomy Technician Certificate: 1 semester, 13 credits

Clinical Assistant: 1 semester, 5 credits

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Steps to Enroll in the Clinical Laboratory Assistant Program

Step 1: Apply to Chattahoochee Tech and be accepted.

Go to the [College Admissions webpage](#) to apply.

Student 900# and email address is required to register for courses.

Step 2: Enroll in the Health Sciences Program courses.

Watch the Required Program Information Video before enrolling in Clinical Laboratory Assistant Courses.

No application is required for this program.

Student must be 18 years or older at time of program enrollment.

Follow the [College Academic Calendar](#) for enrollment dates and deadlines.

For assistance, contact the program [Academic Advisor](#) or email

Program Director: Lori Bane lori.bane@chattahoocheetech.edu

General Admissions: Health Sciences Admission at
HealthSciences.Admission@chattahoocheetech.edu

Clinical Laboratory Assistant Program Tracks

Courses have limited seats and are filled on a first come, first served basis. The program does not maintain a waiting list. Program Tracks are not a substitute for advisement. Please contact program faculty or an Academic Advisor for course planning.

Track 1: Includes Phlebotomy Certification

Track 1 is recommended for students that are not currently a registered or licensed phlebotomist. Students will complete the Accelerated Phlebotomy Technician Certificate as part of this track.

Term 1 Fall or Spring – Accelerated Phlebotomy Certificate	Credits
*ALHS 1011 Structure and Function of the Human Body	5
**PHLT 1030 Introduction to Venipuncture	3
**PHLT 1055 Clinical Practice	5
Total Credit Hours:	13
Term 2 Any Term – Clinical Laboratory Assistant Certificate	Credits
ALHS 1058 Laboratory Screening and Monitoring	3
ALHS 1090 Medical Terminology for Allied Health Sciences	2
Total Credit Hours:	5

***ALHS 1011 Course**

- The requirement for ALHS 1011 may be met by completing all courses BIOL 2113, BIOL 2113L, BIOL 2114, and BIOL2114L with a grade of C or higher. To receive credit, contact the [Records Office](#) to request a Course Substitution.
- ALHS 1011 may be completed as either a co-requisite or a pre-requisite to PHLT courses. If completed as a co-requisite, it MUST be an online course due to time constraints in PHLT 1055 Clinical Practice course.

****PHLT Courses:** Courses PHLT 1030 and 1055 are co-requisites, and must be taken together in the same semester. Refer to the college [Academic Calendar](#) for dates.

- PHLT 1030 is offered in B Term (first 8 weeks of semester). Students must complete this course with a grade of C or higher to move on to PHLT 1055.
- PHLT 1055 is offered in C Term as a 4-week clinical experience. Typical schedule is five 8-hour days/week, or four 10-hour days/week.

Track 2: Currently Certified Phlebotomist

Track 2 is recommended for students that are currently a registered or licensed phlebotomist. Students may take remaining coursework to earn their Clinical Laboratory Assistant certification.

Term 1 – Any Term Courses Offered	Credits
ALHS 1058 Laboratory Screening and Monitoring Note: PHLT 1030 is a pre-requisite for ALHS 1058	3
ALHS 1090 Medical Terminology for Allied Health Sciences	2
*ALHS 1011 Structure and Function of the Human Body Note: students that complete phlebotomy certification at Chatt Tech will have already completed this course.	5
Total Credit Hours:	10

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Complete These Steps to Enroll in Track 2

Step 1: College Admission

Go to the [College Admissions webpage](#) to apply. Provide transcript(s) verifying completion of any relevant coursework from another post-secondary institution.

Step 2: Course Credit

Currently Licensed or Certified Phlebotomists may be awarded credit for courses PHLT 1030 and PHLT 1055. Program Faculty will verify all credentials before credit is awarded. To submit documentation for review, or for more information, contact:

- Program Director:** Lori Bane lori.bane@chattahoocheetech.edu

The college will award transfer credit for courses based on college policy.

Step 3: Register for Courses

Once verification is complete and credit for PHLT 1030 and 1055 is awarded, students may register for remaining coursework.

Note: Students must complete a minimum of 25% of program coursework at Chatt Tech in order to meet the college's Academic Residency Requirement and be awarded a technical degree or certification.

Requirements for Clinical Education

For students that are not a currently Certified Phlebotomist, this program includes Clinical Education. Students must complete all requirements for clinical education by the first day of the semester (either Fall or Spring courses). This includes immunization requirements, background check, drug screen, and CPR certification. Total estimated cost for these items is \$500 in addition to college registration costs. Instructions are sent via student email after registering for courses.

Students will receive communication from program faculty via their student email prior to the start of the Fall or Spring semester. Students must respond to faculty communication and complete all requirements for clinical experiences prior to the deadlines provided. Not completing the requirements for clinical experiences will result in being unable to complete the program of study.

Immunizations

Chattahoochee Technical College does not require vaccinations as criteria for admission and enrollment of students; however, immunizations are required for college health programs by our clinical partners. Students may not complete clinical rotations without meeting clinical site immunization requirements. All required vaccinations must be complete prior to starting clinical practice. Students completing internships or practicums in other majors must adhere to all job site vaccination guidelines. Clinical and job site requirements can and do change without notice or input from the College.

Program Completion

After successful completion of all program courses, graduates are eligible to sit for the Certified Medical Laboratory Assistant (CMLA) examination through the American Medical Technologists (AMT). Certification exams are separate from college courses with distinct fees and registration.