

A Nationally Accredited Program

The program is nationally accredited through the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) 5600 N. River Road, Suite 720, Rosemont IL 60018.

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Additional information concerning the accreditation process can be found on the NAACLS website: www.naacsls.org



MLT Student Experiences

"Being a student in the Southwestern MLT program has been one of the most life changing experiences I've ever had. Not only has it provided me with skills in an area I love, but it has helped to accomplish a dream. There is no price on that."

-Class of 2016 Graduate

"The program is very challenging yet fun. It's definitely intense but well worth it!"

-Class of 2016 Graduate

"The program is really intense, but because we have great professors that guide us to the right path, it feels like a walk in the park."

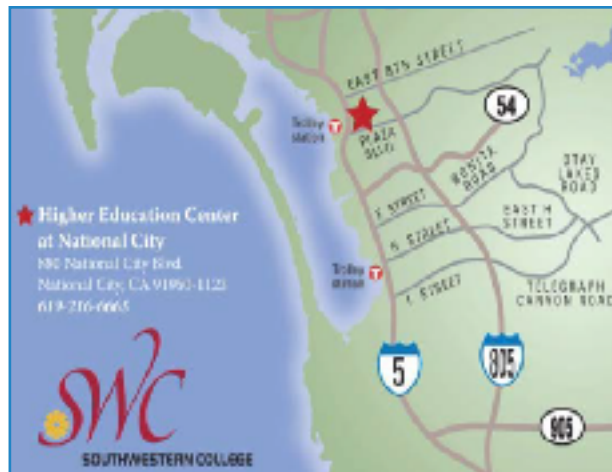
-Class of 2015 Graduate

"Challenging and fun!! Amazing instructors that introduce you to new experiences everyday."

-Class of 2015 Graduate

About Southwestern College

Established in 1961, Southwestern College is one of 112 public community colleges in the state of California and is the only public institution of higher education in southern San Diego County. Southwestern College's location positions itself to play an important role in the intellectual growth of more than 400,000 residents of communities between San Diego City and the international border between the U.S. and Mexico. Serving approximately 20,000 students every semester, Southwestern College offers more than 320 associate degree and certificate options.



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MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM





Become a Medical Laboratory Technician!

What is a Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT)?

Medical Laboratory Technicians (MLTs) are highly skilled, mid-level scientists who discover the presence or absence of disease. This is done by analyzing body fluids and tissues from the human body.

What does a MLT do?

A Medical Laboratory Technician performs routine clinical laboratory testing procedures to provide scientific information needed in diagnosis, prognosis and treatment of disease.

MLTs cultivate, isolate and identify disease causing microorganisms.

MLTs use sophisticated biomedical instruments to generate accurate and reliable test results.

MLTs can also perform medical research to further control and cure disease.

Career Opportunities

- Hospitals
- Physician Office Laboratories
- Research Laboratories
- Health Clinics
- Veterinary Laboratories
- Biotechnology Laboratories

Employment

The job outlook for 2022-2032 is projected to grow 5% faster than the average occupations. Average salary range is \$51,382-75,263 per hour in the San Diego area.

SWC MLT Program Schedule

The SWC MLT program consists of campus based lectures and laboratory classes plus clinical externship experiences. Class days and times will vary.

Subjects covered include hematology, coagulation, microbiology, chemistry, blood bank, urinalysis, and immunology.

The clinical experience includes 1040 hours of practical application in an affiliated clinical laboratory setting. This experience is designed to provide students with the opportunity to further develop technical skills and develop professionalism needed for real world application.

When do classes start?

The program is offered once per year, starting every fall semester.

Admission Requirements

MLT students may apply to the program when pre-requisite coursework is completed. Students are admitted to the program based on meeting pre-requisite requirements and on a first come, first served basis.

Students must have and maintain a current California Certified Phlebotomy Technician license as well as CPR for Healthcare providers.

General education courses necessary to complete the Associate degree are also required prior to admission in the MLT program.

See the SWC MLT Student Handbook, located on the program website, for more detailed pre-requisite requirements.

Upon Completion of Program

Upon completion of the MLT program, the student will receive an Associate of Science degree in Medical Laboratory Technology.

Students are eligible to sit for the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) exam as well as the CA state licensing exam.

