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There have never been as many careers in health care as there are right now. Whether you are interested in short-term training (9 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 what you are looking for!

# Laboratory Assistant

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

*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 combine the art of phlebotomy with the specific 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 in a clinical laboratory, and an unpaid 80/120-hour phlebotomy internship.

Upon successful completion, you will be awarded a Macomb Workforce & Continuing Education certificate, and you will be prepared to take the nationally recognized American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) exam for Phlebotomy.





### LOOKING FOR A JOB?

Contact Career Services  
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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  
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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*

*Phlebotomy*

*Phlebotomy Internship*

*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.

## 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 average annual salary range for a Laboratory Assistant in Michigan is \$11.97–\$15.81 per hour. The projected growth nationally for this field is close to 30 percent through 2023, much faster than the average for all jobs.

Sources: America's Career Information Network and U.S. News & World Report, Best Health Care Jobs.



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