## NORTHWOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN STUDENT POLICIES

## **CERTIFICATION**

The Medical Laboratory Technician Program is seeking accreditation from the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS). NAACLS is located at 5600 N. River Rd, Suite 720, Rosemont IL 60018-5119; phone number is 773-714-8880; and website <a href="https://www.naacls.org">www.naacls.org</a>.

Graduates of the program are eligible to sit for the Medical Laboratory Technician national certification examination administered by the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP), pending accreditation status. Graduates must take the certification examination within five years of the graduation date.

Completion of the certification exam is not required to earn the MLT associate degree; however, it is highly recommended that all graduates take the exam as many employers require certification.

After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>). For additional information about ASCP Board of Certification Exam including cost, visit <a href="https://www.ascp.org">www.ascp.org</a>.

Some states may also require licensure in place of or in addition to certification. For information on specific state requirements, visit <a href="https://www.ascp.org/content/board-of-certification/get-credentialed/#state-licensure">https://www.ascp.org/content/board-of-certification/get-credentialed/#state-licensure</a>.