

NORTHWOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE
MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN
STUDENT POLICIES

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE INFORMATION

Clinical Experience 1 and Clinical Experience 2 occur during the last semester of the Medical Laboratory Technician program. They will consist of clinical rotations in a healthcare system (clinical sites) within the Northwood Technical College district, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, and simulation at the Medical Laboratory Education Center (MLEC) in New Richmond. Chemistry, Hematology/Coag, Urinalysis, Phlebotomy, and Blood Bank rotations will be completed at the clinical site(s). A simulated Microbiology rotation will be completed at the MLEC. The Blood Bank rotation will transition to a simulated rotation at the MLEC in Spring 2027.

Students should be prepared for the following:

- 32 hours per week in a healthcare system and simulation on campus. This will be non-paid.
 - Clinical experience hours are scheduled by the individual sites based on typical staffing hours in each department. The scheduled hours will be day shift, Monday through Thursday. Any hours during other shifts can be scheduled if needed to meet the competencies at that site and must be approved by the program director, student, and clinical site.
 - Two off shifts (evenings or nights) will be scheduled during any of the rotations. The purpose of this is to orient students to the workflow on an off shift.
- Attendance (including arrival time and non-early departure) every day is expected.
- Reliable transportation to travel and/or relocate depending upon placement (Northwood Tech district, Wisconsin, and Minnesota).
- All immunizations, a background check, and current BLS are required prior to each clinical rotation. These are submitted to Northwood Tech. It is your responsibility to provide documentation to each clinical site, as instructed. Some clinical locations may have additional requirements like an interview or proof of health insurance.
- Time commitment and travel make employment difficult during the last semester.

Additional information:

- Placements depend on multiple factors including availability of clinical site, course performance, program progression, etc.
- More information about placements will be given in the semester prior to the scheduled clinical.
- Passing all applicable courses is required prior to clinical rotations.
- Failing Clinical Experience 1 (MLT 10513151) or Clinical Experience 2 (MLT 10513152) will result in dismissal from the program. The criteria for successful completion will be located in the course syllabus.

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The following hospitals and clinics are affiliated with the MLT program. Affiliating agencies may change from year to year.

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| 1. Amery Hospital and Clinic | Amery, WI |
| 2. Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital – Superior | Superior, WI |
| 3. Essentia Health St. Mary's Medical Center | Duluth, MN |
| 4. Hudson Hospital and Clinic | Hudson, WI |
| 5. Lakeview Hospital | Stillwater, WI |
| 6. Mayo Clinic Health System – Northland | Barron, WI |
| 7. Mayo Clinic Health System – Red Cedar | Menomonie, WI |
| 8. Methodist Hospital | St. Louis Park, MN |
| 9. Regions Hospital | St. Paul, MN |
| 10. Tamarack Health Ashland Medical Center | Ashland, WI |
| 11. Tamarack Health Hayward Medical Center | Hayward, WI |
| 12. Westfields Hospital and Clinic | New Richmond, WI |