

State, Federal and Oversight Agency Conditions to Obtain Credentials in a BHCLR Program of Study

Medical Laboratory Science

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| Credential Awarded: | Certificate |
| Certification / Registry Required: | Optional to Work in the Field |
| State Licensure Required: | No |

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Medical Laboratory Scientist, MLS(ASCP) To be eligible for this examination category, an applicant must satisfy the requirements of at least one of the following routes:

ROUTE 1 • Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college/university, • AND successful completion of a NAACLS accredited Medical Laboratory Scientist program within the last five years. The education received from a NAACLS accredited MLS program is acceptable for a period of five (5) years from the date of completion of that program. After five years, the applicant's eligibility will be based on clinical laboratory experience as stated in the current examination eligibility requirements.

ROUTE 2 • MLT(ASCP) certification, • AND a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college/university, including 16 semester hours (24 quarter hours) of biological science (with one semester in microbiology), 16 semester hours (24 quarter hours) of chemistry (with one semester in organic or biochemistry), • AND two years of full time acceptable clinical laboratory experience in blood banking, chemistry, hematology, microbiology, immunology, and urinalysis/body fluids in the U.S., Canada or an accredited laboratory* within the last four years.

ROUTE 3 • CLA(ASCP)** certification, • AND a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college/university, including 16 semester hours (24 quarter hours) of biological science (with one semester in microbiology), 16 semester hours (24 quarter hours) of chemistry (with one semester in organic or biochemistry) • AND four years of full time acceptable clinical laboratory experience in blood banking, chemistry, hematology, microbiology, immunology, and urinalysis/body fluids in the U.S., Canada or an accredited laboratory* within the last eight years.

ROUTE 4 • Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college/university, including 16 semester hours (24 quarter hours) of biological science (with one semester in microbiology), 16 semester hours (24 quarter hours) of chemistry (with one semester in organic or biochemistry), • AND five years of full time acceptable clinical laboratory experience in blood banking, chemistry, hematology, microbiology, immunology, and urinalysis/body fluids in the U.S., Canada or an accredited laboratory* within the last ten years.

ROUTE 5 • MT/MLS(ASCP i) certification, • AND a transcript evaluation verifying equivalency to a U.S. baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college/university, • AND five years of full time acceptable clinical laboratory experience in blood banking, chemistry, hematology, microbiology, immunology, and urinalysis/body fluids in the U.S., Canada or an accredited laboratory* within the last ten years.

It will not be required for MLS(ASCP i) certificants to retake the certification exam. If a course by course transcript evaluation from an acceptable evaluation agency was submitted with your original MT/MLS(ASCP i) application you do not need to re-submit it unless specifically requested by the ASCP BOC office. Once transitioned from MT/MLS(ASCP i) to MLS(ASCP) there will not be an option to revert back to MT/MLS(ASCPi). Previous MT/MLS(ASCP i) certification will not be able to be used to meet the eligibility requirements for additional certifications. Moving forward, your MLS(ASCP) certification will be used to meet the eligibility requirements for additional U.S. certifications. This transition does not circumvent federal work and state licensure regulations and individuals seeking employment in the U.S. will still need to meet all the U.S. immigration visa requirements. * CMS CLIA certificate of registration, compliance, accreditation; OR JCI accreditation; OR Accreditation under ISO 15189. ** CLA(ASCP) certification was discontinued in 1982. Only applicants previously certified as CLA(ASCP) may apply under Route 3.

Nuclear Medicine Technology

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| Credential Awarded: | Certificate |
| Certification / Registry Required: | Required to Work in the Field |
| State Licensure Required: | Yes |

<https://www.nmtcb.org/>

- Completion of a NMTCB recognized nuclear medicine technology program
- Completion of an accredited nuclear medicine technology program culminating in a Certificate, Associate, Baccalaureate, or Master's degree. Educational programs must have structured clinical training sufficient to provide clinical competency in radiation safety, instrumentation, clinical procedures, and radiopharmacy. The NMTCB currently recognizes the following organizations responsible for programmatic oversight:
Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT)
Armed Forces Military Training Commands
Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT)
Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine (ANZSNM)
Graduates of an approved program must pass the NMTCB exam to become certified as a NMT.

ARRT Certification

1255 Northland Drive St Paul, MN 55120
651.687.0048

<https://www.rrt.org/>

In order to meet the education requirement for Nuclear Medicine Technology, you must have earned an associate's degree and have completed an ARRT-approved educational program. If a student is using the primary pathway to seek a credential, the student must earn an associate (or more advanced) degree to be eligible to apply for ARRT certification and registration. The degree must come from an institution accredited by an agency that ARRT recognizes. View a list of [ARRT-Recognized Accreditation Agencies](#).

The degree doesn't have to be in the radiologic sciences, and a student can earn it before or after graduating from the radiological sciences educational program. You must receive the degree, however, before you take your ARRT examination. Graduates of an approved program must pass the ARRT (N) exam to become certified as a NMT.

Arkansas State Department of Health Radiologic Technology Licensure

5800 W 10th. St, Suite 401 Little Rock, AR 72204
501.661.2301

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/radiologic-technology-licensure-program>

The Arkansas Department of Health, through the Radiologic Technology Licensure Program, provides Arkansans maximum protection practicable from the harmful effects of excessive and improper exposure to ionizing radiation. The program requires appropriate education of persons using radioactive materials or operating medical equipment emitting or detecting ionizing radiation upon human beings. This ADH program regulates persons administering ionizing radiation to human beings to help keep the radiation dose to patients as low as reasonably achievable.

The Consumer-Patient Radiation Health and Safety Act, codified as Arkansas Code Annotated §§17-106-101 – 17-106-111 and 17-106-201 – 17-106-204, states that a person shall not apply ionizing radiation or administer radiopharmaceuticals to a human being unless that person possesses a valid Arkansas Radiologic Technology or Nuclear Medicine technology license or has otherwise been specifically exempted from the law. A.C.A. §17-106-111 contains a list of persons who are considered exempt, including: dentists, dental hygienists, registered dental assistants with the expanded duty of radiography, radiation health physicists, radiation medical physicists, chiropractic externs, bone densitometrists, certified medical dosimetrists, and students enrolled in and attending a school of radiologic technology, radiation therapy, or nuclear medicine with recognized educational accreditation who uses radioactive material on or applies ionizing radiation to a human being while under the supervision of a Licensed Practitioner or licensed radiologic technologist. Licensed Practitioners (defined in A.C.A. 17-106-103 as a person licensed to practice medicine, dentistry, podiatry, chiropractic, osteopathy, or optometry in this state) are also exempt from the requirement for radiologic technology licensure.

A Nuclear Medicine Technologist License is a license for individuals who have graduated from an accredited Nuclear Medicine Technology School and passed the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) (N) national registry examination or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (CNMT) national registry exam. These individuals are authorized to perform all types of Nuclear Medicine Studies.

Nursing

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| Credential Awarded: | AAS |
| Certification / Registry Required: | Required to Work in the Field |
| State Licensure Required: | Yes |

Arkansas State Board of Nursing
University Tower Bldg.
1123 South University Avenue, Suite 800
Little Rock, AR 72204-1619
Attention: Director of Nursing Education
Phone: 501-686-2700
Fax: 501-686-2714
Website: www.arsbn.arkansas.gov

The Nurse Practice Act requires that any person practicing as a registered nurse, advanced practice nurse, registered nurse practitioner, practical nurse, or psychiatric technician nurse in this state shall be licensed by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing. The Nurse Practice Act requires biennial license renewal for practicing nurses. Temporary permits may be issued to Arkansas licensed nurses who are graduates of a nursing program. This permit allows a nurse to practice between graduation and receipt of results of the first examination for which the licensee is eligible. Temporary permits may be issued to qualified RN and LPN endorsement applicants holding current licensure in other states. (Arkansas State Board of Nursing (2019b))

Who is Qualified to Take The NCLEX-RN® Examination For Arkansas Licensure?

Please utilize link for full ASBN - Licensure by examination information
<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arsbn-examination>

Licensure information for other states:
<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arsbn-compact>

Criminal Background Check information:
<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arsbn-criminal-background-checks>

Occupational Therapy Assistant

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| Credential Awarded: | Certificate through BHCLR and AAS through UA-PTC |
| Certification / Registry Required: | Required to Work in the Field |
| State Licensure Required: | Yes |

Arkansas State Medical Board
1401 West Capitol Ave., Suite 340
Little Rock, AR 72201-2936
501-296-1802
www.armedicalboard.org

Criteria for License

1. 18 years of age
2. Be of good moral character
3. Successfully completed academic requirements of an academic program accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association and shall lead to the awarding of an associate degree in occupational therapy.
4. Successfully complete a minimum of 2 months of supervised fieldwork experience at a recognized educational institution
5. Pass an examination conducted by the Arkansas State Medical Board; any applicant that fails 3 exams must take additional educational work in areas of weakness before being eligible for reexamination

Criteria Barring License

License may be denied for one found guilty of unprofessional conduct which has endangered or is likely to endanger the health, welfare, or safety of the public. Unprofessional conduct includes:

1. Obtaining license by means of fraud, misrepresentation, or concealment of material facts
2. Being guilty of unprofessional conduct or gross negligence as defined by the rules established by the Arkansas State Occupational Therapy Committee or violating the code of ethics adopted and published by the committee
3. Treating, or undertaking to treat ailments of human beings otherwise than by occupational therapy, as authorized by this chapter
4. Being convicted of a crime, other than minor offenses defined as "minor misdemeanors", "violations", or "offenses", in any court if the acts for which the applicant or licensee was convicted are found by the board to have a direct bearing on whether he/she should be entrusted to serve the public in the capacity of an occupational therapy assistant
5. Using any narcotic drug or alcohol to an extent that impairs the ability to perform the work of an occupational therapy assistant with safety to the public

NBCOT Certification

National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)
One Bank Street, Suite 300
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
301-990-7979
www.nbcot.org

Criteria for Certification

Graduate with an entry-level occupational therapy degree from an Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) accredited occupational therapy assistant program
Submit an official college transcript that indicates the date of graduation and the degree title
Agree to abide by the NBCOT Practice Standards and Code of Conduct

Background Check

Answer the following character review questions:

1.
 - a. Have you ever been convicted of a felony?
 - b. Do you currently have a felony charge against you?
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 - a. Have you ever had any professional license, registration, or certification denied, revoked, suspended, or subject to probationary conditions by a regulatory authority or certification board, including NBCOT?
 - b. Do you currently have a professional license, registration, or certification under review for possible disciplinary action?
3.
 - a. Have you ever been found by any court, administrative, or disciplinary proceeding to have committed negligence, malpractice, recklessness, or willful or intentional misconduct which resulted in harm to another?
 - b. Do you currently have a charge(s) of negligence, malpractice, recklessness, or willful or intentional misconduct that resulted in harm to another against you?
4.
 - a. Have you ever been suspended and/or expelled from a college or university?
 - b. Are you currently under active investigation that could lead to being suspended and/or expelled from a college or university?

Criteria for Barring

If an exam candidate answers yes to any of the above questions, he/she must submit:

1. A detailed, written explanation regarding the incident(s) that includes his/her involvement and behavior in the incident(s), including how the actions were discovered.
2. If a candidate has been on parole in the last 7 years, he/she must include documentation confirming compliance with or completion of all terms and conditions imposed by the court (letter from probation officer or other official court documentation).

After NBCOT has completed a review, the candidate is notified in writing whether he/she is eligible to sit for the exam, provided that all other eligibility requirements are met.

**Note: ACOTE requires all programs to publish a statement indicating that a felony conviction may affect a candidate's ability to sit for the exam.*

Practical Nursing

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| Credential Awarded: | Diploma |
| Certification / Registry Required: | Required to Work in the Field |
| State Licensure Required: | Yes |

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Disclaimer:

The ASBN may deny licensure to candidates who have had a license revoked, suspended, or placed on probation and not reinstated in other jurisdictions. The ASBN may also deny licensure to candidates who have been convicted of a crime.

EXAMINATION RESULTS ARE NOT RELEASED TO CANDIDATES UNTIL AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT IS RECEIVED.

Source: Website: www.arsbn.arkansas.gov

Radiography

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| Credential Awarded: | Certificate |
| Certification / Registry Required: | Required to Work in the Field |
| State Licensure Required: | Yes |

American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT)
1255 Northland Drive
St. Paul, MN 55120-1155
[651-687-0048](tel:651-687-0048)
www.arrt.org

Source: All of the above information came from https://www.arrt.org/docs/default-source/handbooks/arrt-primary-handbook.pdf?sfvrsn=6604fc_22

Education requirements:

- Complete an ARRT-recognized education program in the discipline you're pursuing: Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Radiation Therapy, MRI, or Sonography, which includes demonstration of didactic and clinical competencies.
- Complete an associate (or higher) degree, in any subject from an educational institution accredited by an agency ARRT recognizes.
- Obtain the primary eligibility pathway application form from your educational director, then submit it and your application fee to ARRT.
- Undergo an ethics review, if necessary.
- Receive a Candidate Status Report from the ARRT, which will include your assigned examination window.

Ethics requirements:

- All applicants must comply with everything in the ARRT Standards of Ethics, including the Rules of Ethics.
- Notify the ARRT of any ethics violations within 30 calendar days.
- Notify the ARRT of any ethics violations that took place before you applied with ARRT.

Examination requirements:

- Before you earn an ARRT credential, you must pass an ARRT exam in your discipline.
- You will have three chances to pass the exam.
- You must make those attempts within three years of the date your first exam window opens.

Possible violations of the ARRT's Rules of Ethics: (which could bar you for ability to take the registry)

- Felony or misdemeanor charges or convictions (including speeding tickets or parking violations that are considered misdemeanors or felonies).
- Charges or convictions concerning traffic violations that involved drugs or alcohol.
- Convictions in a military court-martial.
- Violations of state or federal narcotics or controlled substance laws, even if you aren't charged or convicted.
- Disciplinary actions concerning a professional license, permit, registration, or certification.

Violations of an honor code at an education institution you attended to meet ARRT certification and registration requirements.

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A Radiologic Technologist License is a license for individuals who have graduated from an accredited Radiography School and passed the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) (R) national registry examination. These individuals are authorized to perform all types of radiographic studies including Computed Tomography, Mammography, Special Procedures, and Bone Densitometry.

Sleep Technology

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| Credential Awarded: | Certificate |
| Certification / Registry Required: | Optional to Work in the Field |
| State Licensure Required: | No |

BRPT (Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists)
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5th Floor
Washington, DC 20005
info@brpt.org
Fax: (202)747-2933 & (703)610-0229
Phone: (202) 868-6747

To become certified as an RPSGT, a technologist must have the necessary educational and clinical experience, hold a Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification or its equivalent, adhere to the BRPT Standards of Conduct and pass the RPSGT credentialing exam.

RPSGT Pathway 1: Clinical Experience. For candidates working in the field with at least 1,638 hours of clinical experience, and who have completed a STAR-designated self-study education program.

RPSGT Pathway 2: Healthcare Credential. For candidates or soon-to-be graduates working in the field with at least 546 hours of clinical experience, who have another healthcare credential.

RPSGT Pathway 3: CAAHEP/CoARC Student. For graduates of a CAAHEP or CoARC-accredited polysomnography education program.

RPSGT Pathway 4: Focused Training. For candidates working in the field with at least 819 hours of clinical experience, who have completed STAR-designated Focused education, or a combination of Self-Study and Focused 2 education.

RPSGT Pathway 5: International Option. For international candidates performing polysomnography after completion of post-secondary education in a science or medicine related discipline required for practice in their country.

RPSGT Pathway 1: Clinical Experience

Candidates must complete:

1. A STAR-designated Self-Study education program within a 3-year period prior to the exam. If you are submitting the ASTEP Self Study Modules, they must be the most recent edition modules and you must have completed them within the past 5 years.
2. A minimum of 1,638 hours of clinical experience that includes on-site polysomnography duties performed as direct patient recording and/or scoring completed within the last 3 years.

Candidates must submit:

1. Proof of completion of secondary education. Proof can include high school or college transcript, or copy of the diploma. Transcript does not need to be official or in a sealed envelope.
2. Proof of completion of the required STAR education.
3. Documentation of valid BCLS certification or equivalency.

RPSGT Pathway 2: Healthcare Credential

Candidates must complete:

1. A minimum of 546 hours of clinical experience that includes on-site polysomnography duties performed as direct patient recording and/or scoring completed with the past 3 years.

Candidates must submit:

1. Proof of a current BRPT approved healthcare credential.
2. Documentation of valid BCLS certification or equivalency.

RPSGT Pathway 3: CAAHEP/CoARC Graduate

Candidates must:

1. Graduate or be eligible for graduation within 2 months from an education program in polysomnography accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) or the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). CAAHEP and CoARC-accredited programs include stand-alone programs for polysomnography, and add-on programs attached to an neurodiagnostic or respiratory care program.

Candidates must submit:

1. Proof of graduation from a CAAHEP or CoARC-accredited polysomnography technology education program, OR student eligibility exception letter if applying within one month of graduation. Proof must be an official transcript in a sealed school envelope or a copy of the diploma. Unofficial transcripts will be rejected.
2. Documentation of valid BCLS certification or equivalency.

RPSGT Pathway 4: Focused Training

Candidates must complete:

1. A minimum of 819 hours of clinical experience that includes on-site polysomnography duties performed as direct patient recording and/or scoring completed within the past 3 years.
2. A STAR-designated Focused education program **OR** both a STAR-designated Self-Study education program **AND** a STAR-designated focused 2 program.

Candidates must submit:

1. Proof of completion of the required STAR program(s).
2. Proof of completion of secondary education. Proof can include high school or college transcript, or copy of the diploma.
3. Documentation of valid BCLS certification or equivalency.

RPSGT Pathway 5: International Option

Candidates must complete:

1. International tertiary/post-secondary qualification in science/medical science related discipline with a major component of human anatomy and physiology included in the curriculum.
2. A minimum of 546 hours of clinical experience that includes on-site polysomnography duties performed as direct patient recording and/or scoring completed within the past 3 years.

Candidates must submit:

1. Proof of completion of tertiary/post-secondary education in science/medical science related discipline from a country outside of the United States.
2. Proof of residency outside of the United States.
3. Documentation of valid BCLS certification or equivalency.

BCLS Certification

All RPSGT certificants and exam candidates must hold valid BCLS certification (or equivalent for international applicants). BCLS must be current at the time of application and it should remain current through testing. BCLS programs must include a hands-on practical training evaluation segment and the candidate must provide documentation that shows demonstration of skills. A copy of the front BCLS card must be submitted with the application. Online CPR courses that do not include a hands-on practical training evaluation segment may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

Surgical Technology

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| Credential Awarded: | Certificate or AAS |
| Certification / Registry Required: | Optional to Work in the Field |
| State Licensure Required: | Optional |

NBSTSA (The National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting)
3 West Dry Circle
Littleton, CO 80120
ph: 800.707.0057
fx: 303.325.2536
mail@nbstsa.org

Source: <https://www.nbstsa.org/cst-first-timeretake-applicants>

Establishing Eligibility to Test

The National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) retains the sole authority to establish eligibility requirements and make all final decisions regarding eligibility.

Before testing, individuals must first establish eligibility by submitting the appropriate examination application form along with the correct fees. NBSTSA does not refund processing fees for ineligible candidates.

NBSTSA accepts all properly completed applications from qualified applicants regardless of the applicant's age, sex, race, religion, marital status, disability or national origin.

For a list of Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) approved surgical technology programs go to www.caahep.org or call 727-210-2350. For a list of Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) approved surgical technology programs go to www.abhes.org or call 703-917-9503.

Eligibility Requirements

For Graduates of a Surgical Technology Program

Program must have been **CAAHEP*** or **ABHES*** accredited during your enrollment.

Provide ONE of the following documents:

- A notarized letter (on institutional letterhead) from the Program Director which states your name, date of graduation, and type of degree awarded.
- A copy of your graduation certificate
- Transcript (Transcripts do not have to be official; however, NBSTSA reserves the right to request an official transcript.)

Eligibility Requirements

For Graduates of a Military Training Program in Surgical Technology

Program could have been before, during or after having CAAHEP* accreditation.

Provide ONE of the following documents:

- A copy of your DD214 (must state location of the base where program was completed)
- A copy of your graduation certificate from the surgical technology training program
- A smart transcript

Arkansas State Registry

(ASMB) Arkansas State Medical Board
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Little Rock, AR 72201

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www.armedicalboard.org

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