

Biology-Histotechnology Licensure Requirements by State

National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)

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Any person looking to practice as a Histotechnologist is required to become board certified by successfully passing the board certification examination presented by *The American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP)* after the completion of a Histotechnologist program approved by the *National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)*.

In addition, the following states require a license in order to practice. Their requirements are as followed:

<https://www.ascls.org/advocacy-issues/licensure>

<https://www.nsh.org/career/certification>

https://www.pathassist.org/page/AboutUs_StateLicense

ALASKA

Street Address:

Frontier Building

3601 C St. #902

Anchorage, AK 99503

Phone: 907-465-4648

Alaska Requirements:

- The license will be issued if the applicant:
 - Submits an application on the form approved by the department
 - Pays the required fee
 - Provides evidence that proves the applicant is competent, as evidenced by the applicant's certification by a credentialing agency or organization approved by the department in consultation with the board

Please visit <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Text/26?Hsid=HB0028A> for additional information.

FLORIDA

Florida Administrative Code and Register

Mailing Address:

R.A. Gray Building

500 South Bronough Street

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

Phone: 850-488-1234

Florida Requirements:

- Choose one of the following:
 - Have an Associate Degree (or higher) from a NAACLS-approved Histotechnology program
 - Achieved 90 semester hours college credit with 24 semester hours of academic science including 6 semester hours of biological sciences and 6 semester hours of chemical sciences; completed a clinical laboratory training program
 - Achieved an Associate Degree including 6 semester hours of academic biological sciences and 6 semester hours of academic chemical sciences

Please visit

<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?title=QUALIFICATIONS%20FOR%20LICENSURE&ID=64B3-5.003> or <https://floridasclinicallabs.gov/> for additional information.

GEORGIA

Street Address:

Georgia Department of Human Services

2 Peachtree Street

Atlanta, GA 30303

Phone: 404-656-5680

Georgia Requirements:

- Complete a certification examination from the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP), the American Medical Technologists (AMT), the National Credentialing Agency for Laboratory Personnel (NCA), the American Association of Bioanalysts (AAB), or another agency approved by the department, and shall meet one of the following:
 - Successful completion of a full course of study which meets all academic requirements for a bachelor's degree in medical technology from an accredited college or university
 - Successful completion of 3 years of academic study (a minimum of 135 quarter hours or equivalent) in an accredited college or university and the successful completion of a course of training of at least 12 months in a school of medical technology accredited by an agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or the U.S. Department of Education
 - Successful completion in an accredited college or university of a course of study which meets all academic requirements for a bachelor's degree in one of the chemical, physical, or biological sciences, and have at least one year of pertinent laboratory experience or training accepted by the Department
 - Successful completion of 135 quarter hours in an accredited college or university, including 24 quarter hours of chemistry, 24 quarter hours of biology, and 5 quarter hours of mathematics, (30 quarter hours of the total, with a minimum of 15 in science, must be at the third or fourth year level), and have at least 2 years of pertinent laboratory experience
 - Successful completion of a full course of study which meets all academic requirements for an associate's degree in medical technology from an accredited college or university, or successful completion of 2 years of academic study (a minimum of 90 quarter hours or equivalent) in an accredited college or university which included at least 20 quarter hours of lecture and laboratory courses in chemical, physical, or biological sciences acceptable toward a major in science, with at least 3 years of pertinent laboratory experience; or graduation from high school and successful completion of a formal technician training course which is accredited by an accrediting agency accepted by the Department with at least 4 years of pertinent laboratory experience

- A technologist is restricted to the category or subcategory of testing authorized to be performed in the limited laboratory, and must have satisfactorily completed either:
 - 90 quarter hours in an accredited college or university with at least 20 quarter hours in science and one year of pertinent laboratory experience or training accepted by the Department
 - At least 2 years of pertinent laboratory experience as a technician under the supervision of a director qualified in the specialty, or a one-year formal training program accepted by the Department
 - Must have formal training and specialty certification by the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP), or another agency acceptable to the Department

Please visit

https://dch.georgia.gov/sites/dch.georgia.gov/files/related_files/document/Lab_Rules_Chapter_11-8-10.pdf for additional information.

MASSACHUSETTS

Street Address:

Executive Office of Health and Human Services

1 Ashburton Pl 11th floor

Boston, MA 02108

Phone: 617-573-1600

Massachusetts Requirements:

- Meet one of the following:
 - Have earned a bachelor's degree in medical laboratory science from an accredited college or university, the degree program shall have included a one year structured clinical laboratory experience in either the general areas of a clinical laboratory or in a specialty area
 - Have earned a bachelor's degree in one of the chemical, physical, or biological sciences and, in addition, have at least one year of relevant full-time laboratory experience and/or training subsequent to graduation in the specialty or subspecialty in which the individual performs tests
 - Have successfully completed 3 years of academic study (a minimum of 90 semester hours or equivalent) in an accredited college or university, which met the specific requirements for entrance into a school of medical laboratory science accredited by an accrediting agency approved by the Department, and have successfully completed a course of training of at least 12 months in such a school which included structure clinical laboratory experience in either general areas of a clinical laboratory or in a specialty area
 - Have successfully completed 3 years of academic study (90 semester hours or equivalent) in an accredited college or university with the following distribution of courses
 - For those whose training was completed after July 1, 1980
 - Have a minimum of 16 semester hours in chemistry which included at least 6 semester hours in inorganic chemistry which are acceptable toward a major in chemistry
 - 16 semester hours in biology courses which are relevant to the medical sciences and are acceptable toward a major in the biological sciences
 - 3 semester hours of mathematics
 - Have at least one year of experience and/or training subsequent to completion of the academic study requirement, covering several fields of medical laboratory work of such quality as to provide him with education and training in medical technology equivalent to that described in 105 CMR 180.155(A) and (B)

- Have successfully completed 60 semester hours of academic study including chemistry and biology, (completed a structured curriculum in medical laboratory techniques at an approved institution or an associate degree based upon a course of study including those subjects from an accredited institution), and have at least 2 years of documented clinical laboratory experience subsequent to graduation
- Have successfully completed 60 semester hours of academic study including chemistry, biology and/or relevant scientific courses and have at least 4 years of documented clinical laboratory experience subsequent to graduation

Please visit <https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/07/qc/105cmr180.pdf> for additional information.

NEVADA

Street Address:

Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Medical Laboratory Services

727 Fairview Dr, Suite E

Carson City, NV 59701

Phone: 775-687-4475

Nevada Requirements:

- Must have one of the following:
 - A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with at least 32 semester hours in science, of which 12 hours are in chemistry and 16 hours are in the areas of general biology, histology, zoology, anatomy and physiology, and 1 year of experience in a histopathology laboratory under the supervision of a pathologist certified by the American Board of Pathology and Anatomic Pathology or a pathologist eligible to be certified in anatomic pathology
 - A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, including the semester hours required above, and successfully completed a program on histotechnology certified by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation
 - National certification as a histotechnologist and 8 years of full time experience before August 1980, in an approved histopathology laboratory

Please visit <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-652.html#NAC652Sec425> for additional information.