South Central College's (SCC) Medical Laboratory Technician program is a hybrid** program that prepares students for a career as a medical laboratory professional who make a difference in people's lives everyday. Medical Laboratory Technicians work in all areas of a clinical laboratory providing invaluable information to assist physicians in preventing, diagnosing and treating of disease. This ever-changing, ever-challenging career offers unlimited opportunities for employment and educational mobility.

(*-Hybrid courses have significant reduced seat time, amounting to at least 30% of the course time. As a result, there is considerable work online. The in-class time could be minimal or fairly significant, but online instruction plays an important role in these courses. For example, the MLT Program technical courses have all lecture-related material online with the student laboratory sessions constituting the only seat time.)

Medical Laboratory Technicians:

- Are problem solvers
- Like challenges and responsibility
- Are accurate and reliable
- Work well under pressure
- Communicate well
- Set high standards for themselves
- Are fascinated by science

A Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) performs routine tests in all areas of the clinical laboratory. An MLT searches for basic causes to the presence, absence, extent and cause of diseases. Qualifications of this highly skilled individual include being dedicated and self-motivated with a keen commitment to accuracy and precision to ensure quality patient outcomes. MLTs work in a variety of laboratory environments, including hospitals, clinics, doctors' offices, research, technical, sales and reference labs in both private and public sectors.

Job opportunities are excellent in both metropolitan and rural areas of the country and include such places as: hospitals, clinics, research laboratories, reference laboratories, physician's offices, public health agencies, private laboratories, universities, and medical sales. US News and World report put Medical Laboratory Technician on their 50 Best Careers of 2011 list based on job-growth projections, salary and job satisfaction.

The structure of the program is a combination of general education and support courses; online lectures; face-to-face student laboratory sessions; and placement of students in a hospital or clinic internship experience. The program is considered a "hybrid" program because there are required face-to-face student laboratory sessions in which a student must physically be present on one of SCC's two campuses in order to full-fill the requirements of the student laboratory sessions.

Additionally, South Central College graduates may continue their education toward bachelor's and master's degrees through our articulation agreement with the University of North Dakota. South Central College and UND offer all courses with face-to-face and hybrid on-line options.

The National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) is an international agency for accreditation and approval of educational programs in the clinical laboratory sciences. NAACLS sets high standards to insure quality education programs in the clinical laboratory sciences. SCC's Medical Laboratory Technician program is accredited by NAACLS.

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Upon graduation from the Medical Laboratory Technician program at South Central College, students are eligible to take a national certification examination given by the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP), and become certified as a Medical Laboratory Technician (ASCP).