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**American Medical Technologists  
Receives Re-Accreditation of its Allied Health Programs  
from the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA)**

WASHINGTON (April 12, 2013)—The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) re-accredited the American Medical Technologists' Medical Assistant, Phlebotomy Technician, Medical Administrative Specialist, Dental Assistant, Medical Technologist, Medical Laboratory Technician and Medical Laboratory Assistant programs for a five-year period, expiring April 2018, during its recent meeting.

Founded in 1939, AMT is a professional certification organization acting in the public interest by establishing and enforcing education, examination, experience and ethics requirements for certification. Currently, 60,000 allied health professionals are certified to use the AMT designation. American Medical Technologists first received NCCA accreditation in 1980.

The renewal of NCCA's accreditation of AMT's allied health programs required AMT to submit an application demonstrating each program's compliance with the NCCA's *Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs*. NCCA is the accrediting body of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE, formerly the National Organization for Competency Assurance). Since 1977, the NCCA has been accrediting certification programs based on the highest quality standards in professional certification to ensure the programs adhere to modern standards of practice in the certification industry. To view the NCCA standards visit <http://www.credentialingexcellence.org/ncca/ncca.htm>.

There are 254 NCCA accredited programs that certify individuals in a wide range of professions and occupations including nurses, financial professionals, respiratory therapists, counselors, emergency technicians, crane operators and more. Of ICE's more than 330 organizational members, over 100 of them have accredited programs.

ICE's mission is to advance credentialing through education, standards, research, and advocacy to ensure competence across professions and occupations. NCCA was founded to help ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public through the accreditation of a variety of certification programs that assess professional competence. NCCA uses a peer review process to: establish accreditation standards; evaluate compliance with these standards; recognize organizations/programs which demonstrate compliance; and serve as a resource on quality certification.

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