An Employer Guide to AMT Certification
Why Certification Is Important

As an employer, you want to hire qualified personnel to ensure that your patients get the best care possible. AMT shares in this goal — we promote and maintain a high standard of excellence for allied health professionals and support their role as part of the patient care team.

Certification is a way to assess whether an individual possesses the skills and knowledge required for successful performance in a particular job role. By becoming certified in his/her field of expertise, and by maintaining competency year after year, your employee is saying that he/she:

- Has met standards that have been established and verified by a third party organization.
- Is dedicated to maintaining quality in the workplace.

These are powerful statements that speak volumes about your employee. Certification indeed demonstrates that the individual is committed to the profession and that he/she wants to continue to learn and grow.

The new CMS Meaningful Use regulations require that medical assistants who enter orders in the Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE) system be certified/credentialed. AMT can help ensure that you meet the requirements of this new law. Contact us at srp@americanmedtech.org for more information about how to get your medical assistants certified.
Founded in 1939, American Medical Technologists (AMT) is a nationally and internationally recognized certification and membership organization. Representing over 60,000 certified members, AMT is exclusively focused on allied health professionals.

**AMT Certifications**

**Laboratory**
- Medical Technologist (MT)
- Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT)
- Phlebotomy Technician (RPT)
- Medical Laboratory Assistant (CMLA)
- Clinical Laboratory Consultant (CLC)

**Medical and Dental Office**
- Medical Assistant (RMA)
- Medical Administrative Specialist (CMAS)
- Dental Assistant (RDA)

**Health Education**
- Allied Health Instructor (AHI)
What’s in a Name?
Although some of AMT’s credentials bear the designation “Registered”, it is important to note that all individuals credentialed by AMT are considered “Certified”, much like Registered Nurses, Registered Dieticians and Registered Respiratory Therapists are certified by their respective boards.
Why Hire AMT Certificants

AMT is Respected in the Industry: Established in 1939, AMT has long been a nationally and internationally recognized certification agency and is well respected in the industry.

AMT’s Exams are NCCA Accredited: AMT is a reputable certification agency. Its competency-based exams are developed, administered, and analyzed using industry-standards and state-of-the-art methodologies. AMT is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), a recognition only given to organizations meeting rigorous NCCA Standards.

AMT Carefully Reviews Credentials: AMT carefully reviews applicants’ credentials to ensure that they are appropriately trained in an accredited institution and/or have the requisite experience necessary to take and pass an AMT exam.

AMT Encourages Growth in the Profession: AMT strongly advocates learning as part of a member’s personal and professional growth, and in fact requires its newer members to acquire a specific number of continuing education credits in order to maintain certification — this is assurance to you that the AMT certificant is keeping up with technical skills.

AMT Promotes High Exam Security: AMT has numerous policies, procedures, and systems in place to ensure both exam security and procedural standardization. All examinations are conducted under strict direction of proctors. Proctored environments include academic sites (proctors cannot be school officials or instructors), and Pearson VUE testing centers located throughout the country. Pearson VUE is a computer-based exam administrator with an international reputation for quality and accessibility.

Support Your AMT Certified Employees

In order to maintain certification, AMT requires its certificants to pay a nominal maintenance fee on an annual basis and demonstrate compliance with its Certification Continuation Program (CCP) every three years.

Support their professional goals by assisting with fees and/or allowing time off to participate in local, national or online continuing education opportunities.