

A Student Guide to **AMT Certification**



AMT
American Medical Technologists
Certifying Excellence in Allied Health

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.



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 Dietitians and Registered Respiratory Therapists are certified by their respective boards.

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)

Apply for Certification

- Register online as a student member at the start of your program.
- Splurge on a student lapel pin (just \$5) – wear it proudly.
- Listen to a free video that gives you all the details about obtaining and maintaining your AMT certification.
- Apply online anytime during your program – applications are good for two years.

Why Certification Is Important

CERTIFICATION IS BECOMING AN IMPORTANT FACTOR in the healthcare industry. More and more employers are looking at certification as a way to assess whether an individual possesses the skills and knowledge required for successful performance in a particular job role. Why are employers looking for this assurance? It's because they want to hire the best qualified individual who will make a positive contribution to quality patient care.

By becoming certified in your field of expertise, and by maintaining your competency year after year, you are saying to your employer that you:

- Have met standards that have been established and verified by a third party organization.
- Are dedicated to maintaining quality in your work on a regular basis.

These are powerful statements that speak volumes about you as a professional. Certification indeed demonstrates to your employer, and to the public, that you are committed to your profession and that you want to continue to learn and grow.

In addition to employers, certain state and federal laws also require certification in order to fully practice in the field.

Stay Active

- Form a student society and contribute to your community. Guidelines are on the AMT website.
- Network online with other students across the country.
- Attend your local state society meeting.
- Convince your colleagues to participate in an AMT student bowl.

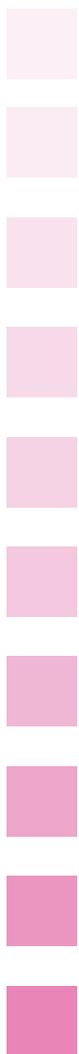
Study for the Exam

- Download and review a FREE detailed exam content outline.
- Take a full-length online practice test. Statistics have shown that higher practice test scores are associated with higher certification exam scores.
- Do a more thorough review with a comprehensive online RMA review course.
- Take and pass the AMT exam!

Maintain Your Certification

- Pay an annual fee and obtain the requisite number of points every three years.
- Participate in a variety of continuing education opportunities offered by AMT – both online and in-person.
- Take advantage of AMT's scholarship, recognition and leadership opportunities.
- Keep your resume polished and look for jobs on AMT's Career Connection.

Studies have shown that individuals who are certified in their field have higher salaries and better promotion opportunities.



Top 5 Reasons To Certify with AMT



1 Go For The Gold

The AMT credential is recognized nationally and internationally as a true mark of quality. Each certification exam is developed, administered and analyzed using the highest industry standards and state-of-the-art psychometric methodologies.

2 Stand Out In a Crowd

Because AMT offers multiple but related certifications, you can more readily become certified in more than one specialty, making you more valuable and marketable in the field.

3 Take It To Go

AMT certification is widely accepted at both national and state levels, making it transportable throughout the US.

4 Get a 'Two-fer'

Once certified by AMT, you automatically become a member of the 60,000+ strong AMT organization and gain access to a multitude of benefits, including deep discounts on continuing education, leadership opportunities, and a career center to help you get ahead.

5 Say "That Was Easy"

AMT certification maintenance requirements are simple and no-nonsense. There are many ways to meet ongoing certification requirements. Additionally, AMT doesn't designate how or from whom you must obtain your continuing education.

Obtaining multiple credentials through AMT can be a positive career move for you. The initials after your name can open doors and can give you promotional opportunities that you otherwise would not have.



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