

CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a technical position which exists at the Broome County Health Department and involves the performance of clinical laboratory tests on specimens of human tissue and body fluids. This data is obtained for use in the diagnosis and treatment of disease. An employee in this class supervises the work of Medical Laboratory Technicians. There is considerable responsibility for the correct and accurate performance of tests and recording of results. Mistakes can result in inaccurate analysis, reporting of test results, diagnosis and treatment. Performs related duties as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Supervises the work of Medical Laboratory Technicians;
Enters test requisitions into the computer;
Prepares and completes a variety of standard medical tests and procedures;
Labels specimens for transport to testing facilities;
Records in the patient's chart results of all tests performed;
Performs quality control on various gram stains and urine screening and maintains quality control records on same;
Maintains appropriate logs and records;
Compiles reports;
Participates in the formulation and review of laboratory policies and procedures;
Maintains supplies and requisitions additional supplies as necessary;
May provide backup for difficult phlebotomy procedures.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of modern laboratory techniques, procedures and safety precautions;
Good knowledge of the use and limitations of laboratory equipment;
Familiarity with various fields of operation of standard laboratory devices, instrumentation and equipment;
Skill in the use of computer applications such as spreadsheets, word processing, email and database software;
Ability to teach, train and supervise others;

Ability to write legibly;
Ability to understand and follow technical instruction;
Accuracy;
Dependability;
Alertness;
Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

(Sec.58-1.4 of Title 10 of NYS Public Health Law)
Licensure and current registration as a Clinical Laboratory Technologist in New York State and six (6) years of post-qualifying laboratory experience, two (2) of which must have been in the designated laboratory specialty in a clinical laboratory* having a director at a doctoral level.

*Note: Clinical laboratory shall be part of a hospital, health department, university, medical research institution or other institution which provides equivalent training.