



Specialist in Blood Banking Technology Program Application Information and Instructions

Thank you for your interest in the Community Blood Center/Community Tissue Services™ Specialist in Blood Banking Technology Program. Our program is accredited by the Commission of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) based on the recommendation of the AABB Committee on Accreditation of Specialist in Blood Bank Technology Schools (AABB/CoA).

The CBC/CTS™ SBBT Program is a 15-month on-line distance learning program designed for Medical Technologists/ Clinical Laboratory Scientists who want to advance their knowledge and career in blood banking and its related disciplines. This program is sponsored by CBC/CTS in association with the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. This on-line program utilizes a web-based course management system to deliver didactic content to offer a flexible educational experience that does not require on-site attendance. Required clinical rotations can be completed at CBC/CTS or at a facility(s) of the student's own choosing.

Upon successful completion of this program, graduates are awarded a certificate of completion in Blood Bank Technology. Graduates of the CBC/CTS SBBT Program are eligible to take the SBB certification examination given by the Board of Registry of the American Society for Clinical Pathology. The success rate for passing the SBB (ASCP) exam for graduates from a CAAHEP-accredited program is approximately 73%. In comparison, technologists that do not attend a CAAHEP-accredited program have a passing rate of only 38%.

SBBT Program Information:

- **Structure:** Distance Learning/Clinical Experience Rotations
- **Duration:** 15 months
- **Fees:** \$3000 (non-refundable); due (in full) on first day of class
- **Start Date:** January 5, 2010
- **Application Deadline:** October 31, 2009

Applicant Qualifications: The applicant must have the following qualifications:

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in medical laboratory, biological or related science.
- A minimum grade point average of 2.5 (on a scale of 4.0) in undergraduate study.
- A minimum of two years full-time or equivalent experience in Immunohematology at an accredited institution (i.e., blood center, hospital transfusion service).
- A citizen or legal resident of the United States.

Application Instructions:

1. Complete 2 copies the **AABB Application for Admission**.

You may copy page 2 if you need additional space to record your work experience.

Remember to sign and date beneath the “Professional References” section on page 3.



2. Complete the **Request for Official College Transcript** form. Most universities/colleges charge a fee to send student transcripts. Check with your university/college.

You may copy this page, if you need to request a transcript from more than one location.

All transcripts must be received directly from the university/college to be acceptable.

3. Submit a photocopy of your MT (ASCP), BB(ASCP) or CLS (NCA) certificate.
4. Submit a list detailing your Continuing Education for the past 2 years. Please include the title of the program/meeting, date of attendance, city and state, and credit hours earned, if applicable.
5. Write an **Essay** addressing each of the following questions. Each question should be answered with at least one paragraph.
 - Why do you want to be a Specialist in Blood Banking Technology?
 - Where do you see yourself in five years? What are your goals?
 - Why do you want to take an on-line program compared to an on-site program? What are your expectations of the CBC/CTS SBBT Program?
6. Have 3 professionals complete a **Letter of Recommendation** and the **Applicant Reference Form**. One of the references must be from your current supervisor, if employed. Instruct each reference to mail the Letter of Recommendation and the Applicant Reference Form directly to person and address listed at the bottom of the form.
7. Complete the **Summary of Practical Experience** form. Your current supervisor must also sign and date this form for verification.
8. The prospective student needs to mail the following documents:

- 2 copies of the completed **AABB Application for Admission**
- Photocopy of MT (ASCP) or BB (ASCP) or CLS (NCA) certificate.
- List of Continuing Education for the past 2 years
- Essay
- Summary of Practical Experience** form

Mail documents to:
Nancy Lang, MT(ASCP) SBB
Community Blood Center/Community Tissue Services
Specialist in Blood Banking Technology Program
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Dayton, Ohio 45402-2715

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