

An individual must meet the qualifications/pre-requisites for entrance into the program prior to applying for Mercy Scholars.

After being accepted into a specified program, it is then the individual's responsibility to notify Human Resources of their interest in applying for Mercy Scholars.

As part of the selection process for Mercy Scholars, an application, acceptance letter into desired program from the college, previous official transcripts, & references are required. In addition, applicants must complete a job shadow experience, & assessment tool. Once all are completed an interview will be scheduled.

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### **Medical Laboratory Technician**

The Medical Lab Technician plays an important role in the detection, treatment, and diagnosis of disease. They examine and analyze body fluids, tissues, and cells. They prepare specimens for examination, count cells and look for abnormal cells. Technicians may work in several areas of the clinical laboratory or specialize in just one. Clinical Lab personnel need good analytical judgment and the ability to work under pressure. Close attention to detail is essential because small differences or changes in test substances or numerical readouts can be crucial for patient care. Manual Dexterity and normal color vision are highly desirable. Good computer and problem solving skills and recommended.

The Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) program at NIACC prepares men and women to work under the supervision of the medical technologist, pathologist, or other qualified physician in a medical laboratory. A technician performs tests that aid in the diagnosis and treatment of disease.

The training for this can be obtained at North Iowa Community College (Cooperative Program with Hawkeye Community College).

As identified in the curriculum, this program is offered over a two-year period of time. The first two semesters are taken at NIACC. The next summer session and fall semester are taken at Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo, Iowa. The final course is a 24-week clinical internship. NIACC and Hawkeye will attempt to secure clinical experiences in the NIACC area (not guaranteed).

### **Entrance Requirements:**

The applicant must complete the application process through the health professions counselor located in the Student Services office. Entrance requirements include the following:

1. Completion of high school diploma or equivalency program.
2. Graduated in the upper half of the high school class.
3. 2.5 GPA.
4. Completed ACT testing with a composite score of 20 or higher (recommended, but not required).

**High School Prerequisites:**

The following courses must be completed with a C grade or better:

- Two semesters of high school/college preparatory math (e.g., Algebra I).
- Two semesters of high school/college preparatory Chemistry.
- Two semesters of high school/college preparatory Biology.
- It is recommended that 4 to 6 semesters of high school social studies be taken.

For information on the MLT program please call NIACC, (1-888-466-4222 or 641-423-1264) North Iowa Area Community College, 500 College Drive, Mason City, IA 50401.

**Stated above is a suggested college only to obtain this degree. A Mercy Scholars applicant can choose any college they would like to, in order to, obtain this particular degree.**

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