Program Specifications – MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

Function Number	Essential Functions			
1	Function as a team member and be able to work with individuals from a variety of social, emotional cultural and intellectual backgrounds.			
2	Exhibit a professional attitude in dress, attendance, conduct, and punctuality.			
3	Comply with safety procedures, including the use of appropriate safety equipment. (Follow OSHA, DILHR and State guidelines for blood borne pathogens, chemical hazards and radiation standards.)			
4	Dispose of medical waste safely and correctly according to laboratory standards.			
5	Follow patient confidentiality guidelines.			
6	Make independent decisions within prescribed professional guidelines.			
7	Adapt to new situations and technology.			
8	Demonstrate the ability to work effectively in situations of high or moderate stress.			
9	Demonstrate the ability to work in close quarters with other students and laboratory professionals.			
10	Collect blood, on patients, with a vacutainer, syringe and lancet on the first attempt.			
11	Identify and label specimens correctly.			
12	Perform work accurately and precisely within acceptable control values.			
13	Perform automated, semi-automatic and manual testing accurately and safely.			
14	Demonstrate ability to accurately communicate using English verbal and written test results.			
15	Inventory supplies and order (practice) from catalogs.			
16	Demonstrate a working comprehension of the technical and procedural aspects of laboratory tests combined with an understanding of test theory and human physiology.			
17	Recognize appropriate test selection and abnormal results.			
18	Recognize technical problems and perform corrective action according to predetermined criteria.			
19	Prioritize test requests to maintain standard safe patient care and maximize efficiency.			
20	Prepare: a. Reagents/media/blood products according to established procedures. b. Instruments to perform tests. c. Controls appropriate for testing procedures. d. Reagent replacement on instruments.			

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21	Make mathematical computation utilizing standard formulas.
22	Correlate: a. Clinical data to assess test results. b. Quality control data to assess test results. c. With other laboratory data to assess test results. d. With physiologic processes to assess/validate test results.
23	Evaluate: a. Clinical data to specify additional tests. b. To verify test results. c. To check for possible source of errors d. To determine possible inconsistent results/ e. To recognize health and disease states. f. To assess validity/accuracy of procedures for a given test. g. To determine appropriate instrument adjustments and preventative maintenance. h. To recognize common procedural/technical problems. i. To take corrective action according to predetermined criteria.

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The list of Program Specifications that follows can be referenced to the Function Numbers above. The ability to perform these actions or activities is necessary to complete program lab and clinical functions as well as to work in this field.

Physical Factors	YES	NO	Essential Function/s Numbers
Standing			4 10 12 15
Standing	•		4, 10, 13, 15
Walking	•		4, 10, 13, 15
Sitting (pro-longed 4 hr.min.)	•		
Lifting			
10 lbs.	♦		15, 20
20 lbs.	*		15, 20
50 lbs.		*	
100 lbs.		*	
100 lbs. +		*	
Carrying			
10 lbs.	•		15, 20
20 lbs.	*		15, 20
50 lbs.		•	
100 lbs.		•	
100 lbs. +		•	
Pushing/Pulling			
10 lbs.	*		15, 20
20 lbs.	*		15, 20
50 lbs.		•	
100 lbs.		•	
100 lbs. +		•	
Climbing		*	
Balancing		•	

Physical Factors	YES	NO	Essential Function/s Number
Bending	•		4, 10, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20
Stooping	•		4, 10, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20
Crouching	•		4, 10, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20
Kneeling	•		4, 10, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20
Crawling		•	
Running		•	
Twisting	•		10
Turning	•		10, 13
Jumping		•	
Grasping-Firm/Strong	•		10-13, 15, 18, 20
Grasping-Light	•		10-13, 15, 18, 20
Finger Dexterity	•		10-15, 18, 20
Reaching Forward	•		10-13, 15, 18, 20
Reaching Overhead	•		10, 12, 13, 15
Pinching	•		10, 11, 15, 18
Simultaneous use of			
Hand, wrist, fingers			
(e.g. typing, data entry)	•		10-13, 15, 18, 20
Coordination			
Eye-hand	•		10-14, 18, 20
Eye-hand-foot	•		10, 15, 18, 20
Driving		*	

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Physical Factors	YES	NO	Essential Function/s Numbers
Vision			Numbers
,			2 4 10 12 15 10 10
Acuity, Near	•		3, 4, 10-13, 15, 18, 19,
			21
Acuity, Far	•		3, 4, 10-13, 15, 18, 19,
			21
Depth perception	•		3, 4, 10-13, 15, 18, 19,
2 spin perseption	•		21
Accommodation		•	
Color vision	•		10, 12, 13
Field of vision	•		3, 4, 10-13, 15 - ALL
Hearing	•		1, 10, 14, 16
Face-to-face conversation			
Verbal conversation	•		1, 10, 14, 16
with others	•		1, 10, 11, 14
Public speaking	•		1,10,14
Hear normal conversation	•		1, 9, 10, 11, 14
Hear telephone conversation	•		1, 9, 10, 11, 14
Touch	•		10
Characteristics			
(e.g. size, shape, texture)			
Vibration/palpitation	•		10
Temperature		•	

Physical Factors	YES	NO	Essential Function/s Number

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Environmental Factors	YES	NO	Essential Function/s Number
Works indoors	•		ALL
Works outdoors		•	
Exposure to extreme hot or cold temp	•		15
Working at unprotected heights		*	
Being around moving Machinery	•		13, 18
Exposure to marked changes in temperature/humidity		•	
Exposure to dust, fumes, smoke, gases, odors, mists or other irritating particles (specify) powdered latex gloves, aerosols, odors	•		3, 4, 13, 15, 20
Exposure to toxic or caustic Chemicals	•		4, 13, 20
Exposure to excessive noises	•		12, 13
Exposure to radiation or electrical energy	•		12, 13, 18
Exposure to solvents, grease, or oils	•		12, 13, 18
Exposure to slippery or uneven walking surfaces		•	
Working in confined spaces	*		8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 18, 20
Using computer monitor	•		1, 3, 5, 7, 11-15, 17-20
Working with explosives		*	
Exposure to vibration	♦		
Exposure to flames or burning items	•		12, 13, 20

Environmental Factors	YES	NO	Essential Function/s Number
Works around others	•		ALL
Works alone	•		ALL
Works with others	•		ALL
Safety Equipment			
(Required to wear)			
Safety glasses	•		ALL
Face mask/face shield	•		12, 13
Ear plugs		*	
Hard Hat		*	
Protective Clothing	•		ALL

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Cognitive/Mental Factors	YES	NO	Essential Function/s Number
Daggaring			
Reasoning Deal with abstract and concrete			
variables, define problems,			
collect data, establish facts,			ALL
and draw valid conclusions	•		ALL
Interpret instructions furnished			
in oral, written, diagrammatic,			ALL
or schedule form	•		ALL
Deal with problems from			
standard situations			ALL
Carry out detailed but	_		ALL
uninvolved written or			
oral instructions			ALL
Carry out one or two step	_		TEE
Instructions			ALL
Mathematics			TILL
Complex skills –Business math,			
algebra, geometry or statistics	•		12, 13, 18, 20, 21
Simple skills – add, subtract,	_		12, 10, 10, 20, 21
multiply and divide whole			
numbers and fractions,			
calculate time and simple			
Measurements	•		12, 13, 18, 20, 21
Reading			
Complex skills - Comprehend			
newspapers, manuals, journals,			
instructions in use and main-			
tenance of equipment, safety			
rules and procedures			
and drawings	•		ALL

Cognitive/Mental Factors	YES	NO	Essential Function/s Number
Simple skills -			110000
Comprehend simple			
instructions or notations from a			
log book	•		ALL
Writing			
Complex skills – Prepare			
business letters, report sum-			
maries using prescribed form			
at and conforming to all rules			
of punctuation, spelling,			
grammar, diction and style	♦		14, 23
Simple skills – English			
sentences containing subject,			
verb and object; names and			
addresses, complete job appli-			
cation or notations in log book	*		ALL
Perception			
Spatial – ability to comprehend			
forms in space and understand			
relationships of plane and solid			
objects; frequently described as			
the ability to "visualize"			
objects of two or three dimen-			
sions, or to think visually of			
geometric forms	•		ALL
Form – ability to perceive			
pertinent detail in objects or			
in pictorial or graphic material;			
to make visual comparisons and			
discriminations and see slight			
differences in shapes and			
shadings of figures and widths			
and lengths of line	♦		ALL

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Cognitive/Mental Factors	YES	NO	
Clerical – ability to perceive			
pertinent detail in verbal or			
tabular material; to observe			
differences in copy, to proof-			
read words and numbers, and			
to avoid perceptual errors in			
arithmetic computation	•		ALL
Data			
Synthesizing	•		ALL
Coordinating	•		ALL
Analyzing	•		ALL
Compiling	♦		ALL
Computing	•		ALL
Copying	•		ALL
Comparing	•		ALL
Personal traits			
Ability to comprehend and			
follow instructions	•		ALL
Ability to perform simple and			
repetitive tasks	*		ALL
Ability to maintain a work pace			
appropriate to a given work load	•		ALL
Ability to relate to other people			
beyond giving and receiving			ATT
Instructions	•		ALL
Ability to influence people	•		1, 6, 8, 16, 17, 18, 23
Ability to perform complex			ATT
or varied tasks	•		ALL

Cognitive/Mental Factors	YES	NO	Essential Function/s Number
Ability to make generalizations, evaluations or decisions without immediate supervision	•		ALL
Ability to accept and carry out responsibility for direction, control and planning	•		ALL