



American Society for
Clinical Pathology
Board of Certification

International applicants applying for ASCP domestic certifications

- **Medical Laboratory Scientist, MLS (formerly Medical Technologist, MT)**
- **Medical Laboratory Technician, MLT**

If interested in the ASCP certification (not international ASCP), please see the following on experience requirements. Most foreign applicants apply through route 4 of MLS or route 4 of MLT because these routes require experience instead of a NAACLS program. (NAACLS programs are ONLY located in the United States-with the exception of one program in Qatar).

1. Assume that you are interested in taking either the MLS or MLT ASCP exam. First you must determine if you are **eligible**. Eligibility routes for the exam you choose can be found here. <http://www.ascp.org/FunctionalNavigation/certification/GetCertified.aspx>
2. ASCP applicants that are from foreign countries typically apply under **Route 4 of MLS or Route 4 of MLT**. This is because this route requires experience instead of a NAACLS program- NAACLS programs are ONLY located in the United States. If you plan to relocate to the US, and enroll in a NAACLS program, you may be eligible under **Route 1 of MLS or Route 1 of MLT** after you have successfully completed the program. Please examine the eligibility routes for these categories closely. And decide which route applies to you.
3. **Academic work completed at colleges and universities outside of the United States and Canada.** Only evaluations from approved agencies (<http://www.ascp.org/pdf/AcceptableEvaluationAgenciesforForeignTranscripts.aspx>) will be accepted. Contact the agency directly for information on obtaining an evaluation verifying degree equivalency and a subject breakdown. The original or notarized copy of the evaluation showing degree equivalency and subject breakdown should be submitted with the application form.
4. See the following regarding obtaining **experience outside of the USA**.

Foreign MLS/MLT Clinical Training Programs

Foreign MLS/MLT clinical training program are recognized as equivalent to one year of full time clinical laboratory experience obtained in the United States and may be applied toward one of the five (5) years required for eligibility for the MLS examination or three (3) years required for the MLT examination (provided the training was completed within the last ten years).

The other four years of acceptable clinical laboratory experience for the MLS examination or the other two years of acceptable clinical laboratory experience for the MLT examination must be completed in the United States, Canada or a CAP/The Joint Commission/AABB accredited laboratory. For all other examination categories, experience must be completed in the United States, Canada or in a CAP/The Joint Commission/AABB accredited laboratory.

You must determine if your laboratory experience will be counted. **Most international applicants require additional experience in the US before they meet the eligibility requirements.** Please read this section carefully.

5. **Reference Form/Letter of Authenticity-** If applying through route 4, you must submit a completed reference form and letter of authenticity. Reference forms can be found at the following:

MLS and MLT:

<http://www.ascp.org/FunctionalNavigation/certification/GetCertified/Verifyyourexperience.aspx>

Comprehensive information on the domestic application process for international applicants can be found [here](#).

Ensure your eligibility before applying. Application fees are not refunded.