



**INTERNATIONAL SPECIALIST IN MICROBIOLOGY**  
EXPERIENCE DOCUMENTATION FORM (Routes 1, 2, 3 & 4)

**PART I (TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT)**

Applicant's Name	ASCP Customer ID #
Email Address	Address

**PART II (MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY LABORATORY MANAGEMENT\* OR EMPLOYER IN ORDER TO BE ACCEPTABLE)**

**SUBJECT: VERIFICATION OF EXPERIENCE FOR EXAMINATION ELIGIBILITY**

This individual, identified above, has applied for the Board of Certification International Specialist in Microbiology examination. In order to establish this applicant's eligibility for certification, the following information is necessary:

**1. PLEASE COMPLETE: EXPERIENCE (INCLUDING ON-THE-JOB TRAINING)**

Date experience **started** in Microbiology:    Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date experience **ended** in Microbiology:    Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 How many hours per week in Microbiology? \_\_\_\_\_ (average, if necessary)

**2. DIRECTIONS:** Please review the experience of this applicant. Please place an **X** by each area in which this applicant has demonstrated proficiency under your supervision by using **The Guidelines for Evaluating Experience of a Candidate for International Specialist in Microbiology**. (NOTE: Experience is required in **4** of the 6 areas listed below.)

_____ Bacteriology	_____ Mycobacteriology
_____ Molecular Microbiology	_____ Parasitology
_____ Mycology	_____ Virology

**3. BY SIGNING THIS FORM, I AS LABORATORY MANAGEMENT\* OR EMPLOYER VERIFY THAT THIS APPLICANT HAS PERFORMED SATISFACTORILY IN THE MICROBIOLOGY AREAS CHECKED ON THIS FORM.**

(Please Print) Laboratory Management* or Employer Name	Title
Laboratory Management* or Employer Signature	Date
Laboratory Management* or Employer Email Address	Institution Telephone Number
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## GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATING EXPERIENCE OF A CANDIDATE

### INTERNATIONAL SPECIALIST IN MICROBIOLOGY

To qualify for certification as an International Specialist in Microbiology, the applicant should be proficient in **ALL** of the tests and procedures indicated in **4** of the 6 areas of experience listed below.

AREA OF EXPERIENCE	EXTENT OF EXPERIENCE
<b>BACTERIOLOGY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specimen evaluation and processing</li> <li>• Microscopic examination of specimens</li> <li>• Media selection</li> <li>• Culture evaluation</li> <li>• Manual, automated, and/or molecular methods for detection and identification of microorganisms</li> <li>• Antibiotic susceptibility testing</li> <li>• Instrument preventive maintenance and troubleshooting</li> <li>• Quality assurance / control</li> <li>• Laboratory safety</li> <li>• Problem solving / troubleshooting</li> </ul>
<b>MOLECULAR MICROBIOLOGY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specimen evaluation and processing</li> <li>• Prevention of nucleic acid contamination</li> <li>• Nucleic acid extraction methods (manual and automated)*</li> <li>• Manual and/or automated detection and identification</li> <li>• Quantitative molecular methods*</li> <li>• Molecular epidemiology*</li> <li>• Instrument preventative maintenance and troubleshooting</li> <li>• Quality assurance / control</li> <li>• Laboratory safety</li> <li>• Problem solving / troubleshooting</li> </ul> <p><b>*FOR TESTS AND PROCEDURES INDICATED BY AN ASTERISK(*), PROFICIENCY MAY BE DEMONSTRATED THROUGH PERFORMANCE, OBSERVATION, OR SIMULATION.</b></p>
<b>MYCOLOGY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specimen evaluation and processing</li> <li>• Microscopic examination of specimens</li> <li>• Media selection</li> <li>• Culture evaluation</li> <li>• Manual, automated, and/or molecular methods for detection and identification of microorganisms</li> <li>• Antifungal susceptibility testing*</li> <li>• Instrument preventive maintenance and troubleshooting</li> <li>• Quality assurance / control</li> <li>• Laboratory safety</li> <li>• Problem solving / troubleshooting</li> </ul>

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<p><b>MYCOBACTERIOLOGY</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specimen evaluation and processing</li> <li>• Microscopic examination of specimens</li> <li>• Media selection</li> <li>• Culture evaluation</li> <li>• Manual, automated, and/or molecular methods for detection and identification of microorganisms</li> <li>• Antimycobacterial susceptibility testing*</li> <li>• Instrument preventive maintenance and troubleshooting</li> <li>• Quality assurance / control</li> <li>• Laboratory safety</li> <li>• Problem solving / troubleshooting</li> </ul> <p><b>*FOR TESTS AND PROCEDURES INDICATED BY AN ASTERISK(*), PROFICIENCY MAY BE DEMONSTRATED THROUGH PERFORMANCE, OBSERVATION, OR SIMULATION.</b></p>
<p><b>PARASITOLOGY</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specimen evaluation and processing</li> <li>• Microscopic and macroscopic examination of specimens</li> <li>• Manual, automated, and/or molecular methods for detection and identification of microorganisms</li> <li>• Quality assurance / control</li> <li>• Laboratory safety</li> <li>• Problem solving / troubleshooting</li> </ul>
<p><b>VIROLOGY</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specimen evaluation and processing</li> <li>• Manual, automated, and/or molecular methods for detection and identification of microorganisms</li> <li>• Quantitative molecular methods*</li> <li>• Quality assurance / control</li> <li>• Laboratory safety</li> <li>• Problem solving / troubleshooting</li> </ul> <p><b>*FOR TESTS AND PROCEDURES INDICATED BY AN ASTERISK(*), PROFICIENCY MAY BE DEMONSTRATED THROUGH PERFORMANCE, OBSERVATION, OR SIMULATION.</b></p>