FAQs:
The following are some frequently asked questions about the Medical Laboratory Technician program.

How long is the program?

The program lasts twenty-four months. Students are required to attend class year round.

Are classes available on weekends or evenings?

There are no classes offered on evenings or weekends.

What is the deadline for applications?

Applications are accepted year round, however, the MLT program begins in August of each year. Students may begin academic/core curriculum classes at any time. However, the MLAB classes are offered only once a year in a specified sequence.

What is the job market like?

There are numerous openings for medical laboratory technicians/MLT and phlebotomists locally and nationwide. All of the MLT program graduates from the past seven years have been employed within three months of graduation. The national vacancy average for laboratory technicians is twelve percent and is expected to increase through the year 2030.

What are the starting salaries?

In the San Antonio area, starting salaries are around $15.25 per hour. Second and third shift technicians usually have a shift differential added to their salary.
Where are the clinical sites located?

Most of the clinical sites are located in the San Antonio Metropolitan area.

There are also clinical affiliates in the cities of Hondo, Kerrville, New Braunfels, Pearsall, Floresville and Seguin.

Are there any certification or licensing requirements?

In Texas, there is no state licensure requirements to begin a career. However, most local area hospitals and outpatient laboratories do now require a national MLT certification from ASCP (American Society for Clinical Pathology). The new graduate is expected to obtain this certification within the first six months of employment (as a condition of hire).

What is the cost per semester for this program?

Please refer to the college’s tuition and fee schedule page. Please note on the tuition schedule there is a special tuition fee of an **additional $700 per semester** for students enrolled in one of the Health Sciences programs.