

WEST VIRGINIA PERSONNEL LICENSURE RESOURCE SHEET

West Virginia is one of several states that has its own state laboratory personnel licensure rules and regulations. This COLA fact sheet summarizes provisions in West Virginia law for licensing clinical laboratory personnel, includes a list of approved sources for continuing education and lists education requirements for licensure.

State	West Virginia
CLIA Status	Not Exempt
Revision	July 1, 1998
Source	West Virginia Legislative Rule 64-CSR-57

Summary of Provisions

- Licensure is not required when performing waived tests only. Licensure is not required for a practitioner working within the scope of a professional license performing only PPM procedures as found in the Federal Registrar at 42CFR493.19(a-d). Licensure is not required for a respiratory care provider providing diagnostic testing within the scope of a professional license, performing moderate complexity testing pursuant to the Federal Registrar at section 493.17.
- All testing personnel must be licensed in one of four categories, or may perform limited testing activities as a “trainee” for up to one year.
- A clinical laboratory practitioner trainee may not perform testing as a trainee for more than one year. The trainee may perform tasks related to laboratory tests only under the personal and direct supervision of: a licensed clinical laboratory practitioner; or a clinical laboratory director, consultant, or supervisor.

Trainee status is renewable on a year-to-year basis for up to three (3) years.

Testing Requirements

Testing requirements are not administered by the state and may be part of “certification” (defined on page 3).

Application Information

- All licenses cost \$25.00.
- Yearly renewal applications must be accompanied with evidence that the applicant has completed at least ten (10) contact hours (which is equivalent to one (1) continuing education unit of educational activities), commensurate with the level of complexity of testing the individual performs.
- Acceptable continuing educational activities include, but are not limited to: lectures, seminars, workshops, formal classes, in-service programs or correspondence courses.

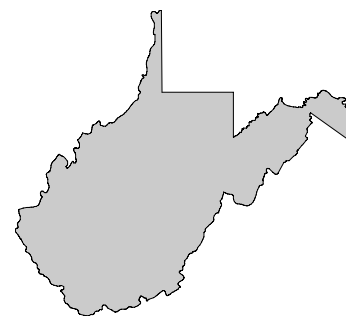
Acceptable Documentation of Participation in Continuing Education

- Certificates of attendance/participation
- Letters of attendance signed by the director or training coordinator
- Transcripts of college courses
- Official statements that verify attendance
- CEU forms
- Copies of publications and papers; copy of printed programs; book chapter heading showing authorship

For examples of approved sources for continuing education, please refer to page 2.

**West Virginia:
Approved Sources for Continuing Education**

1. Continuing Education Units awarded by science related national certifying agencies, e.g., CDC, ASM, PACE, AMA, NIH, ACE, NCA, AABB, AMT, ASCLS, ASCP, NLTN, etc.
2. Attendance at national/state laboratory-related scientific meetings, e.g., ASCLS, WVPHA, ASM, APHA, AABB, CLMA, NEC, ASCP, ISCLS, etc.
3. Laboratory-related correspondence courses such as CACMLE, OLS, CDC, WVU, etc.
4. Video conference/seminars that are laboratory-related e.g. CDC, DHHR, WVU, etc.
5. Audio conferences sessions e.g. WVU, CDC, etc.
6. Hospital seminars, journal clubs, in-service training
7. Career-related course work at college level, e.g., math, science (biological or physical) health care administration, computer science, business management, epidemiology, health care ethics, etc.
8. Teaching activities: development and initial presentations of clinical laboratory science or other laboratory-related courses or workshops to clinical laboratory personnel, students etc. (5 contact hours per one hour lecture).
9. Papers, publications, books: presentation before a professional audience, publication in a recognized journal, or writing a chapter of a clinical laboratory science book.
10. Development of a technical scientific exhibit or poster session for display at a professional meeting.
11. Internet training programs through colleges/universities.



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PERSONNEL LICENSURE AND
YOUR LABORATORY, PLEASE
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OR THE WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
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(304) 558-3530.**

WEST VIRGINIA PERSONNEL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Clinical Laboratory Practitioner - Laboratory Technologist (CLP-MT)	Clinical Laboratory Practitioner- Laboratory Technician (CLP-M LT)	Clinical Laboratory Practitioner Cytotechnologist (CLP-CT)	Clinical Laboratory Practitioner- Point of Care Technician (CLP-POCT)
<p><i>Defined:</i> A person who performs a broad range of laboratory tests in a clinical laboratory. Job tasks may include specimen processing, laboratory test performance, or laboratory test reporting and other tasks requiring the broad exercise of judgement and responsibility with little or no direct technical supervision.</p>	<p><i>Defined:</i> A person whose job tasks include specimen processing, laboratory test performance, or laboratory test reporting in a clinical laboratory which tasks require limited exercise of independent judgment and are performed under the supervision of a clinical laboratory director or a clinical laboratory supervisor.</p>	<p><i>Defined:</i> A type of laboratory technologist whose job tasks include specimen processing, test performance and reporting of cytological examinations supervised by a pathologist or other physician recognized as a specialist in diagnostic cytology.</p>	<p><i>Defined:</i> A type of laboratory technician whose job tasks include specimen processing, laboratory test performance and laboratory test reporting directly to a physician to review and evaluate the results obtained. These technicians shall perform only tests that have been categorized as “moderately complex” under CLIA, and shall perform testing under the personal supervision of a clinical laboratory director or a clinical laboratory supervisor. The supervisor shall be available to the point-of-care technician at all times when testing is being performed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified; and, • BA/BS in medical technology and have passed a national certification examination; or, • BS in a chemical, physical, or biological science other than medical technology, and • at least (1) one year of pertinent full time experience or training designed to provide specific knowledge of the specialties or subspecialties performed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified; and, • AA degree in medical technology, and has passed a national certification examination or, • has (60) sixty semester hours of academic credit including chemistry, biology, and a structured curriculum in medical laboratory techniques, and has at least (1) one year of pertinent full-time experience or training designed to provide him specific knowledge of the specialties or subspecialties she will perform; or, • AA degree based on a course of study including chemistry and biology, and has at least (1) one year of pertinent full-time experience or training designed to provide specific knowledge of the specialties or subspecialties to be performed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified; and, • graduated from a school of cytotechnology accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs; or, • certified in cytotechnology by a certifying agency approved by United States Department of Health and Human Services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified; or, • HS diploma, GED or equivalent, • and must show documentation that he is employed in a clinical laboratory which holds a CLIA certificate other than a certificate of waiver; and • submits statements signed by laboratory director that the applicant has had training designed to provide the knowledge of specific tests to be performed.
<p>Certified defined: (one of the following)</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is certified as a medical laboratory technician or medical technologist by the American Medical Technologists or the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. • Is certified as a clinical laboratory technician or scientist by the National Certification Agency for Medical Laboratory Personnel or is certified as a medical technologist or as a laboratory technician by Credentialing Commission of the International Society for Clinical Laboratory Technology/AAB. • Is certified as a laboratory technician or laboratory technologist under the Medicare/CLIA certification requirements in effect prior to March 14, 1990, or • Was performing laboratory technologist or laboratory technician tasks in a clinical laboratory in West Virginia on or before July 7, 1989. 			