

Medical Laboratory Technology Program Advising Guide

Portland Community College

Consideration for admission for the Fall 2026 MLT Program requires completion of certain prerequisites, an application, video response and the HSRT exam. It will take place in two phases.

- Phase 1: Applications and the video response will be accepted March 9 – April 3, 2026
- Phase 2: Those who move on to phase two will take the HSRT Exam and have their prerequisite grades evaluated between May 11 - June 5, 2026
- Final admissions decisions will be made at the end of June 2026

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PREREQUISITE COURSES (COMPLETED BY THE END OF SUMMER TERM WITH A 'C' OR 'P' OR BETTER)

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| ☐ WR 121 – English Composition
☐ MTH 95 – Intermediate Algebra or a math class for which this is a prerequisite
☐ BI 121 & 122 - Introduction to Human A&P I & II (or BI 231 – 233 or BI 221Z - 223Z or equivalent) | ☐ CH 104 – 106 - Allied Health CH I, III & III (or CH 221Z - 223Z or equivalent)
☐ MLT 110 – Intro to Medical Laboratory Technology |
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PHASE 1 - VIDEO RESPONSE

DETAILS AND POINTS

Phase one will require applicants to complete an application that includes attaching a recorded video responding to the prompt to the right.

Applicants will record a 5 minute video response to the prompt. Responses longer than 5 minutes will only be watched until minute 5.

The video can be recorded through your phone or computer in the following formats **.mov, MP4, or a Zoom recording**. Other formats may be accepted if they can be viewed by the admissions team. If your submission can't be viewed, the team may request a submission in an approved format.

If you are unable to submit a video response please contact healthca@pcc.edu.

The video response is worth up to 60 points. A rubric will be used to determine the number of points the video response earns

PROMPT

The MLT Program is an intense in-person program that can make it challenging for students to juggle class preparation, attending in-person classes, and finding time for sufficient studying along with personal commitments. The below term schedule is representative of the typical course load in the program:

- MLT 241: Immunohematology I
 - Lectures (in-person): Mondays 9a -11:50a
 - Lab (in-person): Mondays or Tuesday 1p - 3:50p
- MLT 252: Hematology II
 - Lectures (in-person): Tuesdays 9a - 11:50a
 - Lab (in-person): Wednesdays or Thursdays 1p -3:50p
- MLT 261: Clinical Microbiology I
 - Lectures (in-person): Wednesdays 8a - 11:50a
 - Lab (in-person): Thursdays and Fridays 1p - 3:50p
- In addition to the above schedule, students may also need to complete general education classes

	Response requirements: Explain what time management and self-care strategies you will use to stay on top of commuting, attending in-person classes, course prep and study time of a minimum of 6 hours per week for each course, alongside self-care and any other personal commitments. Please address each of the above topics in your response. Make sure to support your statements with personal examples or relevant experiences. Include relevant academic, work or volunteer experience that demonstrates your ability to be successful in a challenging program.								
PHASE 2 - HSRT	POINTS								
The top 35 applicants ranked by their video response will be selected to complete the Health Science Reasoning Test (HSRT). This is a 50-minute, online, multiple choice exam that measures critical thinking and reasoning skills. https://insightassessment.com/iaproduct/health-science-reasoning-test/ Applicants who are selected will receive information and directions to complete the HSRT. There is no cost to the applicant to take the exam. Exam results will be directly sent to healthca@pcc.edu.	The HSRT is worth up to 40 points. Points are awarded relative to the cohort average. <table data-bbox="808 800 1498 1136"> <tr> <td>Quartile 4</td><td>40 points</td></tr> <tr> <td>Quartile 3</td><td>36 points</td></tr> <tr> <td>Quartile 2</td><td>32 points</td></tr> <tr> <td>Quartile 1</td><td>28 points</td></tr> </table>	Quartile 4	40 points	Quartile 3	36 points	Quartile 2	32 points	Quartile 1	28 points
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PHASE 2 - POINTS FOR PREREQUISITES	POINTS								
Points for prerequisites will be added to the score on the video response and HSRT and the top 24 students will be selected. ☐ WR 121 – English Composition ☐ MTH 95 – Intermediate Algebra ☐ BI 121 & 122 - Introduction to Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II (or BI 231 – 233 or BI 221Z - 223Z or equivalent) ☐ CH 104 – 106 - Allied Health CH I, III & III (or CH 221Z - 223Z or equivalent) ☐ MLT 110 – Intro to Medical Laboratory Technology	Prerequisite grades are worth up to 20 points Prerequisites in-progress summer term will receive points for a C grade. No points assigned A = 3 pts, B = 3 pts, C = 1 pts A = 3 pts, B = 3 pts, C = 1 pts (points combined for two best grades in complete series) A = 7 pts, B = 5 pts, C = 3 pts (points combined for grades in a complete series) A = 7 pts, B = 5 pts, C = 3 pts								