Vancouver Community College’s (VCC) Medical Laboratory Assistant program is designed to prepare students for employment in either a private, hospital or public health laboratory. The program consists of a combination of theory and practical experiences. Students learn how to collect and process various biological specimens, including blood, for testing and analysis, and practice safely, ethically and professionally as a medical laboratory assistant (MLA). Administrative functions to support the operation of the medical laboratory are also discussed. Students also learn how to perform cardiac monitoring tests, including electrocardiograms and Holter monitoring and assist with quality assurance programs in the medical laboratory. Graduates of the program meet the British Columbia Society of Laboratory Science’s current Competencies of an Entry-Level Medical Laboratory Assistant.

Program information
- Credential: Certificate
- Length: 6 months, full-time
- Start: May, September

Program admission requirements
- Grade 12 graduation or equivalent
- English 12 with a B, or equivalent and English language proficiency
- Biology 12 (with a C- or better) or VCC Biology 0983 & 0993 or equivalent
- Certified five minute keyboarding test with a typing speed of 40 gross words per minute or higher with a maximum of 5 errors.

Upon acceptance, the following will be required:
- Criminal record check (CRC)
- Proof of a negative TB skin test or chest X-ray
- Completed immunization history record

More information
Contact Program Advising:
By phone: 604.871.7000, option 2
In person: 1155 E. Broadway, or 200-block Dunsmuir at Hamilton
For the most up-to-date program info, check vcc.ca.