

Just the Job

Information Sheet

Job title: Medical Laboratory Scientist

Job description

Medical laboratory scientists work in a team with pathologists and carry out laboratory tests on blood, tissues and other samples taken from patients

Qualifications required

To become a medical laboratory scientist you need:

- A Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science, or another qualification recognised by the Medical Sciences Council of New Zealand
- To work for at least six months under supervision
- To be registered with the Medical Sciences Council of New Zealand and have a current Annual Practising Certificate

Training costs

Training costs depend on the tertiary institution and course you attend. Contact the relevant tertiary institution for their fees structure.

Career path

Medical laboratory scientists can progress into managerial or supervisory roles in a laboratory.

With further postgraduate study they may do research into particular disciplines and scientific methods, or become university lecturers. They may also move into other areas of the biological sciences including teaching, animal health, the food industry, or working for commercial science companies.

Salary range

Salaries for registered medical laboratory scientists working for district health boards:

- registered medical laboratory scientists start on \$47,600 a year.
- with annual progression they can reach \$61,000.
- senior scientists with management responsibilities can earn up to \$87,900.

They are also eligible for shift and overtime payments.

Other careers this profession could lead to

As above

How to increase the chances of successfully entering this industry

Useful school subjects: chemistry, biology.

Other places to source information about this job

www.healthcareers.org.nz