

Bassett Medical Technologist Job Shadow FAQ

1. Who is eligible to participate?

- High School Students, Grades 9-12 & College students. It's recommended that you have an interest in science, math, and/or the health care field.

2. How long does it take to complete the shadowing experience?

- 15 hours

3. What does a Medical Technologist do?

- According to O*NET Job Database:
 - i. Perform complex medical laboratory tests for diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease.
 1. Conduct chemical analysis of body fluids, to determine presence of normal or abnormal components.
 2. Analyze laboratory findings to check the accuracy of the results.
 3. Collect and study blood samples to determine the number of cells, their morphology, or their blood group, blood type, or compatibility for transfusion purposes, using microscopic techniques.
 4. Enter data from analysis of medical tests or clinical results into computer for storage
 - ii. 70% of all clinical decisions are made from these lab results!

4. Where can I participate?

- There are seven locations available through the Bassett Healthcare Network
 - i. Sidney
 - ii. Cobleskill
 - iii. Herkimer
 - iv. Delhi
 - v. Little Falls
 - vi. Oneonta
 - vii. Cooperstown

5. Why participate in this opportunity?

- Bassett Healthcare Network stands to face a shortage of Medical Technologist. To address this matter, Bassett has contracted CNYAHEC to recruit students to participate in the shadowing. We're hoping that this experience will spark or reinforce an interest in this career. We're also hoping that it will spark an interest to work for Bassett in the future!

6. When can I begin, and when is the deadline to apply?

- CNYAHEC wishes that you contact us and begin the shadowing experience at your earliest possible convenience.

7. What steps do I need to take to get started?

- Contact Samantha Polnak Program Coordinator of the CNY Area Health Education Center (CNYAHEC) at (607)756-1090, or spolnak@nahecnecnet.org for an application. If you already have an application please send to Samantha. You can scan and email, fax to : (607) 756 1092, or mail to: Attn: Samantha, CNYAHEC, 17 Main St. Suite 237, Cortland, NY 13045
- Samantha will then contact you with further instructions.