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AGENDA

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- Licensure History
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NYSED OFFICE OF THE PROFESSIONS (OP)

- Main OP Page: <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/>
- Clinical Laboratory Technology Page:
<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/ct/>
- Clinical Laboratory Technologist & Certified Clinical Laboratory Technician/License Requirements:
<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/ct/clp-ctlic.htm>
- Clinical Laboratory Technologist/License Options:
<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/ct/clp-technologistoptions.htm>
- Cytotechnologist & Certified Histological Technician/License Requirements: <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/ct/clp-cytlic.htm>
- Certified Histological Technician/License Options:
<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/ct/clp-histologicaloptions.htm>
- Checklists:
<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/ct/cltechnologistchecklist.pdf>

LICENSURE

- Legislature and Governor determine that licensure in a profession is needed to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- 2004: The Legislature passed Article 165 of Title VIII to establish three clinical laboratory technology practitioner professions.
- Bill was signed by the Governor on January 30, 2005 to become effective on September 1, 2006.
- Two years later, the law was amended to include the profession of certified histological technician.
- In essentially all Title VIII professions, the license is a generic license based on education, training and experience, that authorizes the licensee to practice all aspects of the profession if they know they are competent.

LICENSURE

- The Board of Regents has been given the responsibility to oversee licensure, practice, and conduct for all professions with the assistance of the State Education Department and State Boards for the Professions.
- Initially, this means establishing regulations regarding education, experience, and examination for licensure which must be met by all applicants.
- Our focus is on two parts of licensure law today: education and the Provisional Permit, which is a recent amendment to the law after the limited licenses expired.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- When establishing the educational requirements, the content of the scope of practice is studied to determine the core education that all applicants must meet to be able to offer all areas of practice identified in the scope.
- Having mastered the core, it is up to the licensee to gain the specific education needed for practice in any setting, which can occur in many ways.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- In 2006, the mandated curriculum of every program registered in the three professions in NYS as well as the curricula of nationally accrediting bodies, e.g. CAAHEP and NAACLS, were reviewed in depth by the Board and Department.
- A meeting of 20 program directors discussed the required educational content and made recommendations for the education regulations.
- These were shared with many interested parties for comment and were then shared with the public before being adopted.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Why doesn't NYS just accept the curricular requirements of national accrediting bodies as the required education?

- The Regents must ensure that licensees will have the core education to provide the services and activities found in the scope.
- If an accrediting body has requirements that meet the NYS regulatory requirements, graduates from such accredited programs could be accepted in the same manner as those of licensure- qualifying programs.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- NAACLS is a well-respected national accrediting body, but from the outset of licensure, we found that their requirements did not include core education in some areas of our scope.
- Additionally, the standards for accreditation seemed to change fairly frequently.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- A current study of NAACLS programs by our Department from their website at (<https://www.naacls.org/NAACLS/media/Documents/Standards.pdf>), supported by our own transcript reviews, as well, has seen that since 2013, these standards have been updated 12 times.
- Additionally, they accredit online programs that have no student laboratory requirements.
- Some programs do not appear to include some general science requirements and may have deficiencies in terms of the SED requirements in the length of clinical training.
- Many NAACLS-accredited programs meet our requirements, but some do not.

CURRENT PROGRAM STATUS

What is the current status of programs from which our licensees obtain their degrees?

- 50 programs in NYS are registered as licensure-qualifying.
- We have approved applicants from 57 programs nationwide and 14 international programs. We also have licensees from three programs in Puerto Rico.

EDUCATION REVIEW

- We review the applicant's education, not just their programs.
- Graduates achieve education approval based on the coursework that they have completed throughout their entire college career, not just at the CLT degree-granting program.
- Most common courses that have to be completed include physiology with anatomy content, organic chemistry, or molecular biology. The Department may accept labs in some subject areas for those missing in another. For example, both cell biology + lab and genetics + lab may be accepted for a missing molecular biology course.
- Programs in neighboring states who have students who want to be licensed by NYS have often accommodated our requirements for these students.
- Several large reference labs in NJ require NYS licensure. As many as 1000 of our licensees have worked there at one time.

EXAM REQUIREMENTS (FOR FULL LICENSE)

ASCP BOC <https://www.ascp.org/content/board-of-certification>

- **Clinical Laboratory Technologist (CLT):** Medical Laboratory Scientist (MLS)
- **Certified Clinical Laboratory Technician (CCLT):** Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT)
- **Cytotechnologist:** Cytotechnology (CT)
- **Certified Histological Technician (CHT):** Histotechnician (HT) NOT the Histotechnologist (HTL)

PROVISIONAL PERMIT (PP)

- The limited licenses expired on August 31, 2018.
- On July 31, 2018, the Governor signed the provisional permit statute.
- Limited License holders were contacted on August 1, 2018.
- Advised to apply for full licensure at the same time as PP.
- PP is issued to an applicant who is employed in a clinical laboratory for the purpose of enabling the applicant to complete the education requirements and/or to pass the exam required for licensure as a clinical laboratory technologist or certified histological technician.
- The individual is under the general supervision of the director of a clinical laboratory.

PROVISIONAL PERMIT (PP)

Qualifications*

Clinical Laboratory Technologist (CLT)

1. Licensed in another state/jurisdiction or current national certification (ASCP, AABB, AAB, AMT).
2. Received both an education and training acceptable to the department.
3. Received both an education acceptable to the department and served as a research assistant.

*Does not meet full licensure requirements.

PROVISIONAL PERMIT (PP)

Qualifications*

Histological Technician (HT)

Received an education including an associate's degree.

*Does not meet full licensure requirements.

PROVISIONAL PERMIT (PP)

- Valid for one year.
- May be renewed for one year only, for good cause.
- Renewal process is under review.

PROVISIONAL PERMIT (PP)

Provisional Permits Issued

As of May 1, 2019

- 192 persons have applied for a provisional permit.
- 164 persons have been issued the provisional permit.
- 28 of the original 192 applicants have not been issued a provisional permit: 18 were issued a full license in other professions, and the remaining are either under review or do not meet the qualifications.
- 14 of the 192 had no previous limited license.

PROVISIONAL PERMIT (PP)

Forms

- 5PP (if held a limited license) or 5N
- 2PP
- 3PP [if licensed in another jurisdiction]
- 4PP CLT only [if not nationally certified]
- If nationally certified, contact the certifying body

Fees

- Provisional Permit
 - Clinical Laboratory Technologist: \$345
 - Certified Histological Technician: \$245
- Full licensure
 - Clinical Laboratory Technologist: \$371
 - Certified Histological Technician: \$263

LIMITED PERMIT (LP)

Fee: \$50

Apply for limited permit if:

- Already meets education requirements and still needs exam.
- Haven't previously applied for LP.

Should NOT apply if:

- Previously had a limited permit and/or a limited permit expired.
- Does not meet the education requirements.

<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/clt/subpart79-13.htm#lp>

RESTRICTED LICENSE

Education requirements: baccalaureate or higher degree program in biology, chemistry, the physical sciences, or mathematics.

Apply if applicable to job duties:

- Cytogenetics
- Flow Cytometry/Cellular Immunology
- Histocompatibility
- Molecular Diagnosis Restricted to Molecular Diagnosis Included In Genetic Testing-Molecular and Molecular Oncology
- Molecular Diagnosis Not Restricted to Molecular Diagnosis Included in Genetic Testing-Molecular and Molecular Oncology for Employment in Cancer Centers and Designated Training Hospitals
- Stem Cell Process
- Toxicology is being considered
- Fee: \$371

<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/clt/cltrllic.htm> and

<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/clt/cltrlqa.htm>

COMMON FINDINGS

1. Provisional Permit is expiring, but the applicant hasn't met the full licensure requirements.
2. Issuance of provisional permit based on national certification or licensure in another jurisdiction.
3. Education requirements for provisional permit vs. full license.

COMMON FINDINGS

4. Applicants indicate they are employed prior to licensure.
5. Applicants have accepted positions prior to obtaining licensure.
6. Online technician to technologist programs
 - Apply to a registered (LQ) program
 - Attend an accredited program
 - Contact CompEd
7. Requests for additional education documents.
8. Military spouses <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/>



QUESTIONS?

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