

CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST TRAINING PROGRAM

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Introduction:

Physician's Automated Laboratory, Inc. (PAL) is currently sponsoring a Clinical Laboratory Scientist Training program. This internship program is approved by the State of California, Department of Public Health, Laboratory Field Services division. The training program consists of 52 weeks of on-site clinical laboratory training, lectures and additional education activities, as available. Generally, applications are reviewed in October and interviews are conducted. Offers to candidates are made in November. To date, sixteen trainees have completed the program and passed the ASCP/State of California, Clinical Laboratory Scientist exam.

PAL charges a \$ 10,000.00 tuition fee for the program. Students who complete the program, obtain a CLS license, and are offered employment as a CLS by PAL will have 1/24th of the tuition fee forgiven at the completion of each month worked. Tuition is completely forgiven at the end of two years employment at PAL.

Stipend: \$500/month.

Fees: Trainees are responsible for their texts and miscellaneous educational supplies.

Admission requirements:

1. Baccalaureate degree in Clinical Science, Biology, Microbiology or equivalent with the following required courses: Medical Microbiology, Immunology, Hematology, Quantitative Analysis, Biochemistry and a course in Physics which includes the study of light and electricity.
2. Minimum G.P.A 2.5 in the last 60 semester or 90 quarter units.
3. California Clinical Laboratory Scientist Trainee License.

Curriculum:

The program is a 52-week course that is divided into 4 quarters. The program begins on the last Monday of January each year. We take a class of 4 students. The course consists of 32 hours per week in the clinical rotations, and 8 hours per week attending lecture and group study time. After successful completion of the 52-week course, trainees will qualify to take either the ASCP or AAB Clinical Laboratory Scientist Exam, both of which are accepted by the State of California.

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