

- **Specialist in Blood Bank Technology**

The Medical Center of Louisiana Specialist in Blood Bank Technology Program provides in depth training in all aspects of blood banking including: donor recruitment, donor collection and processing, component preparation, transfusion services, reference lab services, education, management, coagulation and hematology, adverse effects of transfusions, blood group serology and biochemistry, immunology, genetic, HLA, transplantation, red cell physiology, transfusion practices, regulatory and quality programs.

Our program prepares students for the SBB certification examination offered by the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Board of Certification.

Program graduates will be able to function as entry level supervisors, managers, reference laboratory technologists, and educators in all areas of Transfusion Medicine and research.

- **The Medical Center of Louisiana**

The hospital is located in downtown New Orleans and is the largest of the seven facilities in the Health Care Services Division of the LSU Health Sciences Center. It is a Level 1 trauma center, one of the only two in the state. It is the major source of clinical education for physicians, medical students, dentists, nurses and allied health manpower in Louisiana.

- **The SBB Program**

Our program was established in 1974 to provide a comprehensive program in transfusion medicine. We offer a full time (12 months) or part time (24 months) program. Lectures are on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and clinical rotations are individualized by experience. During the clinical rotations, each student performs independent research with the purpose of writing a paper for publication. Students are also required to participate in a Journal Club.

- **SBB Information**

Starting Date: January 1st
Program Tuition: None
Application Deadline: September 1st

- **Minimum Requirements**

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university/college
- GPA ≥ 3 out of 4.0 for Math and Sciences (Lower GPA may be considered on an individual basis)
- ASCP or NCA certification
- 1 year experience in a full service blood bank or donor center

- **Accreditation**

The Medical Center of Louisiana Blood Bank Specialist in Blood Bank Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon recommendation of the AABB's Committee on Accreditation of Specialist in Blood Bank Technology Schools (AABB/CoA).



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