



# Hospital Lab Assistant I

## Medical Center

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT:** VA 24-363

**STARTING SALARY:** Negotiable

**CLOSING DATE:** Open Until Filled

Muscogee Nation Department of Health (MCN Health) provides comprehensive health care services to Native Americans living within the Muscogee Nation. MCN Health is an integrated system of six health centers, an Express Care Clinic, three hospitals, a physical rehabilitation center and nine comprehensive community health programs. Offering services across the lifespan including pediatrics, family medicine, nursing, dental, laboratory, radiology, pharmacy, behavioral health, emergency medical, audiology, nutrition, physical therapy, and optometry.

**DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT:** The purpose of the Hospital Laboratory Assistant position is to perform phlebotomist duties including collecting and transporting specimens for testing and analysis, processing and performing waived and moderate complexity testing, specimen verification and tracking, as well as clerical duties and general clean-up tasks. You will also assist by placing properly labeled specimens on automated instruments and identifying results which need to be reviewed with a MLT/MLS, documentation, releasing results, and/or computer verification. The Hospital Laboratory Assistant position must be competent in all tasks related to phlebotomy, processing, send outs, ordering, and competent to perform all waived testing, moderate complexity testing including general chemistries, CBC's, urinalysis, Wet Preps, Manual Differentials up to segmented bands, Urine Microscopy, and other moderate complexity testing. The Hospital Laboratory Assistant must be able to perform daily, weekly, monthly, routine, and as needed maintenance duties, troubleshoot QC and instrument issues, assist MLT/MLS as needed, assist the phlebotomists, train less experienced coworkers and ensure documentation is complete for waived testing and assigned duties. Because MCNDOH hospital laboratories must be staffed 24/7, the Hospital Laboratory Assistant will rotate holidays, and may be required to rotate to other days and hours as needed for patient care. This position is located at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Medical Center in Okmulgee, OK.

**REQUIREMENTS:** High School Diploma or GED equivalent is required. Two (2) years specific related experience in a medical laboratory facility assistant including phlebotomy, or college level biology and/or chemistry courses (minimum of 6 hours college biology and 6 hours of college chemistry), such as completion of first year of Medical Laboratory Technician program at an accredited college or university. Eligibility for certification in phlebotomy is preferred.

**EVALUATION METHODS:** Applicants who meet the requirements described above will be evaluated to determine the extent to which they possess or have the potential to acquire knowledge, skills, abilities, and personal characteristics, (KSAP's) required of this position. Applicants should address the following KSAP's on a separate attachment to their application.

- Knowledge of chemistry, math, medical terminology, knowledge of specimen preparation techniques, and principles of operation of common laboratory instruments.
- Ability to follow instructions with accuracy and perform detailed tasks thoroughly and completely.
- Capability of performing repetitive work with a high degree of precision.
- Ability to maintain strict confidentiality.
- Ability to communicate courteously and effectively with patients, Laboratory staff, other employees, and the general public, both orally and in writing, and maintaining a professional demeanor.
- Ability to maintain a positive, helpful department, encouraging team members.
- Ability to work under stress and function in emergency situations.
- Good communication skills, computer knowledge, and the ability to work with others as a team to ensure quality patient care.

- Ability to meet and deal with the public for the purpose of supplying or obtaining information.
- Capability of working with biological specimens in a safe manner.
- Knowledge of laboratory safety practices.
- Capability of maintaining high standards for all production work with timely completion.
- Capability to manage large volumes of data and generate reports in an accurate, timely manner.
- Skills in organizing and maintaining accurate records and documentation.
- Capability to report required pathogens to OSDH, Infection Prevention, and other required government agencies.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES:** Apply online at Department of Health Application. (Current employees must use a transfer request form available on the intranet home page under forms). The KSAP's as outlined in the Evaluation Methods section should be addressed but are not required. For further information, call Tracy Watters at (918) 762-0307. The Department of Health is an Equal Opportunity Employer; however, Indian Preference will be applied in the case of equally qualified applicants.

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Staffing Coordinator

Date