

Who we are and what we do:

The mission of the Tennessee Department of Health is to protect, promote and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee.

Our vision is to be a recognized and trusted leader, partnering and engaging to accelerate Tennessee to one of the nation's ten healthiest states.

The Division of Laboratory Services' mission is to provide quality testing services through innovation, collaboration, and education that protects and improves the health of all.

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TDH Laboratory Services



Public Health Laboratory Scientist 1, Clinical Department of Health, Division of Laboratory Services (DLS) Salary Range: \$42,504 - \$63,600

Position Overview:

- Responsible for routine laboratory testing and work of low to moderate difficulty as it relates to microbiological and/or molecular areas
- Performs other tasks as required.

Distinguishing Features:

- This is the entry level class in the Public Health Laboratory Scientist series.
- This class differs from Public Health Laboratory Scientist 2 in that an incumbent of the latter functions at the working level with less direct supervision.

Minimum Qualifications:

A PH Lab Scientist 1 performing *clinical* duties the majority of their time ***MUST***:

- Have successfully completed a Medical Laboratory Scientist or Medical Laboratory Technician training program.
OR
- Have graduated from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in life sciences (e.g. biology, microbiology, or biochemistry), Medical Laboratory Science, pre-medicine, or other acceptable science.
OR
- Meet CLIA Testing Personnel Qualification Category set forth in federal CMS regulations 42 CFR, 493.1489.

A transcript with ALL credits is required to be uploaded with an employment application in order to properly evaluate a candidate's eligibility for a position in this classification. Coursework in microbiology strongly preferred.

Note: Licensure as a Medical Laboratory Technologist or Medical Laboratory Technician is no longer required (4/2018) but is preferred. Licensure as a Medical Laboratory Technologist, Medical Laboratory Technician, Medical Laboratory Supervisor or Medical Laboratory Director subsumes the PH Laboratory Scientist 1 level and, therefore, also qualifies for this job classification.

Required Experience:

- Meet educational requirements

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