

# You Could Be A... **Lab Technician**

## Is Being a Lab Technician for You?

If you like to create new materials in a laboratory setting using special instruments and enjoy seeing how things react or bond to each other, you might enjoy being a lab technician. Lab technicians use special instruments and techniques to conduct experiments in laboratories or manufacturing settings. They monitor processes, prepare solutions and more.



## Education

**Associate degree or two years of post-secondary education** required

Local colleges and educational institutions that offer lab technician programs include:

**Delta College** Check your local ISD & high school programs for opportunities, too!

## Get Ready to Go!

Give the future lab technician in you a head start by taking these classes in middle school and high school:

**MATHEMATICS PHYSICS CHEMISTRY  
BIOLOGY COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**DID YOU KNOW?** There are more options possible to fund your education than you may realize. Scholarships could be available. Contact your school counselor or your institution's financial aid office to learn more.

## Develop All of You

A successful lab technician needs more than an education. Be great by strengthening your:

**Communications skills  
Computer skills  
Observation skills**

**Problem-solving skills  
Analytical skills  
Time-management skills**

## Your Expected Salary

THE TYPICAL SALARY RANGE

for Lab Technicians is

**\$26,000- \$70,500**

**JOB OUTLOOK.** The job outlook for lab technicians is expected to grow nine percent through 2022. Lab technicians will continue to be in demand in scientific research and development (R&D) and to monitor the quality of chemical products and processes. Demand will increase with environmental issues (pollution control, clean energy and sustainability) and chemistry R&D.

## Career Opportunities

With an education as a lab technician, you could also be a:

-  **Agricultural and Food Science Technician**
-  **Biological Technician**
-  **Chemical and Material Scientist**
-  **Forensic Science Technician**
-  **Geological and Petroleum Technician**