



Medical Laboratory Scientist/Biological Scientist (OPS) Opportunities

Description:

These positions conduct work involving independent judgment on a variety of complex laboratory procedures. A State of Florida Clinical Laboratory License is required (see below for further information). Duties include specimen accessioning, specimen processing, reagent preparation, clinical testing data review, reporting, and instrument operation and maintenance, according to establish procedure. We are currently recruiting for multiple positions.

These positions are being recruited specifically to aid in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Most positions will be used to fill positions directly responsible for testing specimens for SARS-CoV-2. Employees in these positions will be trained to use high-throughput instrumentation, multiple nucleic acid amplification platforms, to perform real-time PCR, and to conduct antibody testing. These positions may also be used to temporarily fill positions in other testing sections, such as HIV, serology, and microbiology.

Qualifications:

- Applicants must possess or be able to obtain (within 3 months) a State of Florida Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel license as a technician (or higher).
 - The public health technician license is generally available to those with a bachelor's degree in a laboratory science (e.g., biology or chemistry).
 - Refer to <https://floridasclinicallabs.gov> for more details on eligibility.
- Eligible for employment with the State of Florida, including passing a background check.
- Applicants must be comfortable handling specimens containing SARS-CoV-2 and other infectious agents.
- Applicants must be able to wear a respirator or PAPR.
- Applicants must be able to work both independently and with others.
- Applicants must have good computer skills.
- Applicants must be able to independently problem solve.
- Applicants must be able to communicate effectively with customers, including physicians, nurses, and other Department of Health employees.

Pay and Benefits:

- Pay ranges from \$16 to \$23 per hour, depending on education, experience, licensure, and available positions.
- OPS employees are eligible for health, dental, vision, and life insurance, as well as FSA and HSA accounts and other benefits. OPS employees also have access to the State's Employee Assistance Program.
 - For a full list of benefits and further details, visit: https://www.mybenefits.myflorida.com/health/eligibility_and_enrollment/ops_employees
- Please note that OPS employees are not eligible for paid time off (e.g., holidays, vacation, or sick leave) and are not eligible for the State Tuition Waiver Program.

If interested in applying, please email your resume and a letter of interest to:

Stephen.white@flhealth.gov. Positions will be filled on a rolling basis.