Would you make a good **Lab Technician**?

What Lab Technicians Do



Lab Technicians work in a wide range of roles such as assisting scientists with research, development, production and testing of processes and products. Lab technicians also organize and maintain lab tools and equipment, data recording, and ensuring efficiency and accuracy when conducting scientific experiments and research.



Education



Associate's degree in biology, chemistry or a related field. Some positions require candidates to have a Bachelor's degree, and others a high school diploma or equivalent plus related work experience.

EXPECTED SALARY RANGE

$30,000- $80,000

(median pay $48,000)

Skill Builders:

PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS
ANALYTICAL SKILLS
OBSERVATION SKILLS
COMPUTER SKILLS
COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS
TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS

Job Outlook

As a lab technician, the job outlook is expected to grow 4 percent through 2026. Lab technicians will continue to be in demand in scientific research and development (R&D) and to monitor the quality of products and processes. Demand will increase with climate change, clean energy, sustainability, and R&D.



Get a Head Start...with these classes in middle and high school:

- **MATHEMATICS**
- **CHEMISTRY**
- **COMPUTER SCIENCE**
- **PHYSICS**
- **BIOLOGY**
- **SCIENCE**

Career Opportunities:

With an education as a Lab Technician, you could also be a: Agricultural and Food Science Technician, Biological Technician, Chemical & Material Technician, Environmental Science Technician.

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