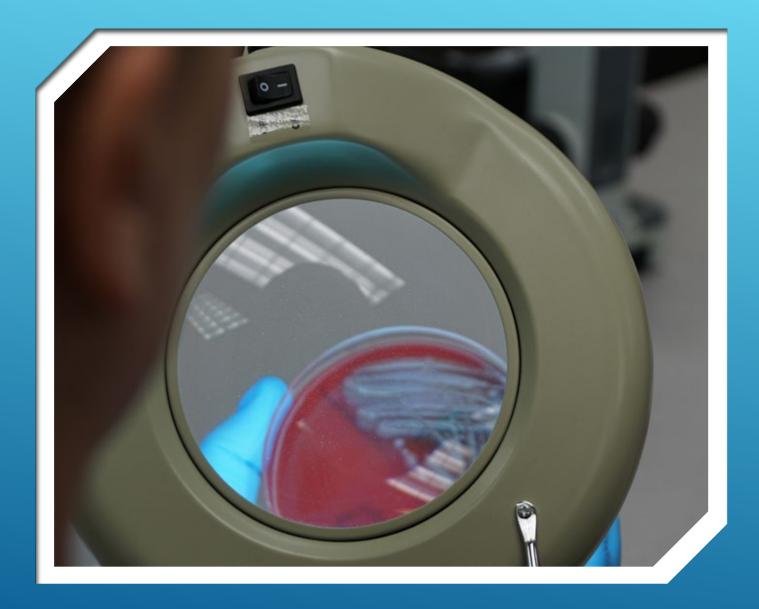
# MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

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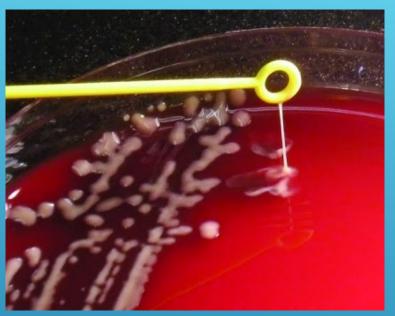
# **AGENDA**

Critical Need

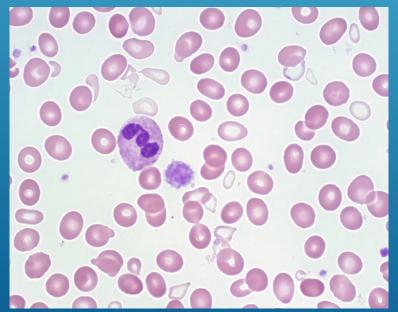
Benefits to Area Employers

Power of Partnership

Innovation and Growth



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# INTRODUCTION

The Medical Laboratory Technician provides a valuable resource for the clinical laboratory. They are integral to the delivery of laboratory results that provide diagnostic information for the delivery of quality patient care



# NATIONAL OUTLOOK

#### **Workforce Deficit Projections**

- ▶ Job openings projected at >20% by 2030
- ► Median Age in the US is increasing
  - ▶ Increased need for healthcare in the older population
  - ▶ Increased attrition due to retirement

\*US Bureau of Labor and Statistics

# HOW MANY ANNUAL PRIMARY CARE VISITS HAPPEN ANNUALLY?

>500 million Primary Care Visits

Lab testing needed for 1/3

>165 million lab tests

# INCREASED DEVELOPMENT IN AVAILABLE TESTING.

1993

• 12,683

2023

• 62,000

# LOCAL OUTLOOK

#### **Employer needs**

- > 31 jobs posted
- Mary Lanning 8 openings
- ➤ CHI system 15 openings
- Bryan system 4 openings
- Ord, St Paul, Holdrege, Red Cloud, York, Albion, Phillipsburg, Superior, Alma

#### Cost of Covering the Gap

- > Travelers cost \$200,000
  - PER YEAR EACH!
- Foreign Recruitment\$14,000 per hire



# EMPLOYERS REACHING OUT

Service Area and Beyond

– Jobs

Nebraska, Kansas,South Dakota

Growing current staff - education





- Graduates Increase Potential Employee Pool
- Employers Increase Retention through Sponsoring Professional Growth

#### 16 OUT OF 31 TECHNICAL STAFF ARE MLT (AAS DEGREE)

**8**ARE GRADUATES OF CCC MEDT PROGRAM

2 HAVETRANSITIONED TO MLS (BS DEGREE)

3
ARE PHLEBOTOMIST ENROLLED FOR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH TO MLT

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# The Clinical Laboratory Workforce:

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#### **Study Recommendations**

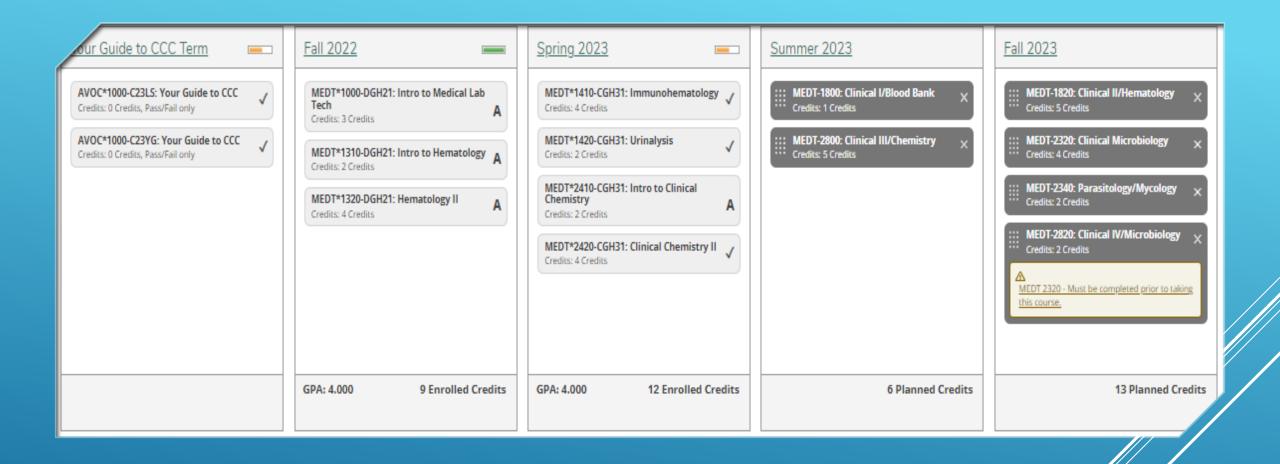
- 1) Promote Programs at All Academic Levels.
- 2) Support Programs and Clinical Training
- 3) Examine Opportunities for OTJ training
- 4) Promote Diversity in Academic Recruitment

### OUTSIDE THE BOX RECRUITING

### Science Majors

120,000 biology and chemistry graduates with limited job prospects

Potential Second Career



# FAST, FLEXIBLE, AND AFFORDABLE

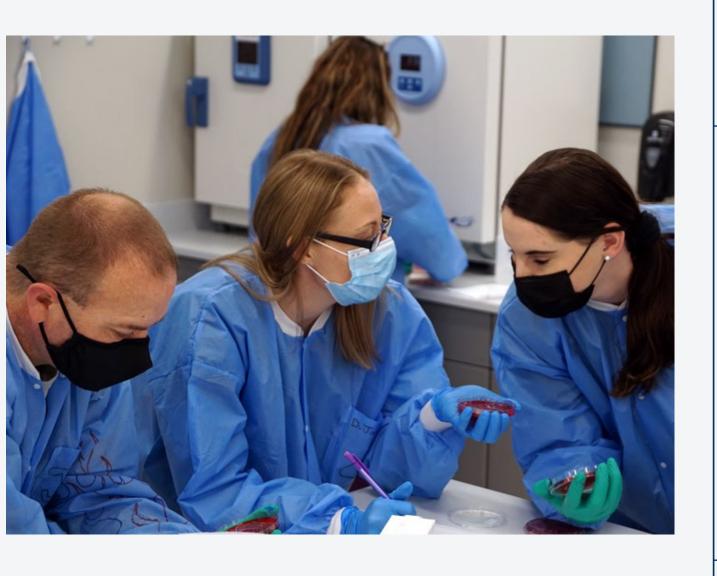
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# PHLEBOTOMY

- 3-week hybrid course
- Another critically needed role
- Foundational skills for many healthcare careers
- Potential to ladder professional growth



Thank You!

**QUESTIONS?**