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## What's New at AMT

### AMT's Programs are Reaccredited

The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) recently reaccredited all of AMT's exam-based certification programs for a period of five years. These include the Registered Medical Assistant (RMA), Registered Phlebotomy Technician (RPT), Certified Medical Administrative Specialist (CMAS), Registered Dental Assistant (RDA), Medical Technologist (MT) and Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) programs. Since 1977, NCCA has been accrediting certification programs to ensure that they adhere to modern standards of practice in the industry. Not all healthcare certification agencies are NCCA accredited---in fact, very few have received such recognition. Only those organizations meeting rigorous NCCA Standards bear the NCCA seal of approval.

### New Look...Same Vision

As you already may have noticed, AMT has a new look and a new logo. Through this rebranding effort, AMT aims to bolster its already-strong industry position by presenting its programs and services in a much more compelling and persuasive manner. The changes will enhance AMT's ability to communicate the value of certification to healthcare employers, but at the same time AMT wants its schools to know that its basic vision remains the same: to be the premier certification and membership organization for allied health professionals. AMT continues to promote and maintain a high standard of excellence and supports the role that allied health professionals play as part of the patient healthcare team.

### We Need Your Feedback!

AS AMT continues to foster its relationship with schools such as yours, we would very much like YOUR feedback on how AMT can better serve you and your students. Please log on to: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228H3GH65DG> to answer a few short questions. To thank you for your time, we will enter your name in a drawing to win an Apple iPhone. **Please respond to the survey by: December 12, 2008.**

## Reports Available to Schools

You may not aware that AMT can provide, upon request, two different reports which could prove useful when tracking student certification statistics. The first report aggregates the pass/fail information for all students that have taken the AMT certification exam during a specific time period (to be determined by you) and presents it in a summarized format. The second report also presents pass/fail information, but at the individual student level. Please note that in order for AMT to release an individual's pass/fail status, the student will have had to sign the release of information section on the application. Both of these reports can help you track and meet your accreditation outcome requirements. If you would like to receive these reports, please contact AMT at 847-823-5169.

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# Q&A

**Q When is the appropriate time for students to complete their applications?**

**A** You can help your students complete and send in their applications as they near the end of the didactic part of their program. AMT will do the initial processing but will NOT consider the applications “complete” until the final transcripts are received. However, once the transcripts are received, AMT will be able to finish processing the applications.

**Q Can students sit for the exam prior to their externship?**

**A** Yes, in some instances, the students are allowed to sit for the exam prior to the start of their externship. However, please be aware that the student will not be considered officially certified until all paperwork, including the final transcript, is received and processed. Program directors can notify AMT directly to request this service.

**Q How can I obtain applications?**

**A** Applications can be downloaded directly from the AMT website: [www.amt1.com](http://www.amt1.com). Hard copies are available by calling AMT directly at 847-823-5169.

## AMT Resources Available

Did you know that your students have a variety of resources at their disposal, including:

- Exam competency outlines, reference study materials, and practice exams to help them study for their national certification exam
- Access to the AMT Career Connection, where students can post resumes and search for jobs in their area
- Copies of the Medical Assistant Task List, which lists MA tasks typically performed in the field. A poster version is also available upon request.
- Copies of the article entitled “Medical Assistants: ROI Personified” which discusses the benefits to an employer of hiring a certified Medical Assistant
- Student membership in which students receive pins, products and written materials exclusively designed for allied health professionals

All information is available by visiting the AMT website: [www.amt1.com](http://www.amt1.com) or by contacting AMT directly at 847-823-5169.

## Student Awards

Do you have a student who stands out above the rest? The type of student who always makes it to class, who participates in discussions, and who is always willing to put forth extra effort when called upon. Or do you have a student who is dedicated to his/her chosen field of study and has really good writing skills? If so, AMT is ready to honor those students with the AMT Outstanding Student Award and the AMT Technical Writing Award.

Nomination forms and guidelines for these awards are available on the AMT website at [http://www.amt1.com/site/epage/12706\\_315.htm](http://www.amt1.com/site/epage/12706_315.htm) and need to be submitted to AMT by April 1, 2009.

Award recipients will be honored at the Awards Banquet at AMT’s Annual Meeting, which will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on Thursday June 25, 2009.



## Why Certify with AMT?

- **Computer-based testing with immediate access to scores:**

AMT exams are available via computer at over 200 Pearson VUE testing centers throughout the country. Scores are available immediately upon completing the exam – no waiting to know if you've passed!

- **Nationally recognized certification:**

The AMT certification credential is recognized nationally and internationally as a mark of quality. AMT maintains this high distinction by being among a select few organizations that continually meets the tough accreditation standards of the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

- **Better job prospects and pay:**

Studies have shown that individuals who are certified in their field are more marketable and have higher salaries than those who aren't. More and more employers are requiring certification for employment. They know that certification is a sign of commitment and dedication to quality patient care.

- **Membership with valuable benefits:**

Once certified by AMT, you automatically become a member and gain access to a multitude of member benefits, including continuing education, leadership opportunities, and a career center to help you get ahead.

- **One-stop shopping:**

AMT members can become certified in more than one allied health discipline so that they can be even more marketable! Certifications are offered in eight different categories.

"Obtaining multiple certifications through AMT has not only given me the opportunity to demonstrate my commitment and dedication to patient care, but has also been a good strategic career move for me"

**Jeannie Hobson, RMA, RPT, CMAS, AHI**



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**American Medical Technologists is a national agency that certifies allied health practitioners such as:**

Medical Technologist (MT)

Certified Medical Administrative Specialist (CMAS)

Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT)

Registered Phlebotomy Technician (RPT)

Certified Laboratory Consultant (CLC)

Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)

Registered Medical Assistant (RMA)

Allied Health Instructor (AHI)

## 5 Steps to AMT Certification

### 1 **Apply to AMT:**

After you have completed an approved training program or have acquired the appropriate experience (if applicable), submit your application and fee to AMT.

### 2 **AMT Processes Application:**

Once AMT receives and approves your completed application, you will receive a letter indicating how to schedule your exam.

### 3 **Prepare for the Exam:**

Resources to help you study: exam content outline, reference study materials and practice exams (for specific disciplines).

### 4 **Take the Exam:**

Exams are either offered through a school or at a Pearson VUE testing center. With computer-based exams, scores are available immediately.

### 5 **AMT Provides Certificate:**

Upon final processing of grades and documentation, AMT awards you an official certificate and membership card.

