American Red Cross Blood Services

Specialist in Blood Bank Technology and Transfusion Medicine Program

**Admission Requirements and Policies**

**Admission Requirements:**

* US citizenship or eligible to work in the United States.
* A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in clinical laboratory, biological or related science. Academic work completed at colleges or universities outside of the United States requires transcript evaluation by an ASCP acceptable evaluation agency.
* MLS(ASCP), BB(ASCP), MT, CLS, certification
* At least 2 years of full-time blood banking experience (preferred). Quality and extent of applicant’s blood banking experience will be considered.
* Additional criteria considered in selecting candidates are:
	+ Membership in blood bank associations
	+ Participation in training workshops
	+ Attendance at continuing education programs
	+ Research interests and projects
	+ Supervisory and teaching experience
	+ Attainment of advanced degrees
	+ Awards and outstanding employee ratings
* Successful applicants must meet the general requirements for employment of either the American Red Cross or their participating partner employer prior to admission, including a background check and drugs of abuse screening.
* Only current American Red Cross and selected academic partner employees will be considered at this time.

**Application Process:**

* Complete an application (submit by June 1st for the coming year)
	+ Copy of transcript for baccalaureate degree and clinical laboratory scientist training and, if applicable, other post-graduate courses, for international education credentials, an evaluation from an approved agency
	+ Copy of MLS/BB/MT/CLS certification
	+ Resume or CV listing pertinent education and work experience
	+ A one to two-page essay on the applicant's reasons for applying to the SBB program and a statement of career goals including how the applicant intends to use SBB training
	+ At least two letters of recommendation, one of which is from applicant’s current supervisor or medical director
* All applications will be reviewed and rated. These initial ratings will be used to select potential candidates for an interview in June/July. Following the interview, each faculty member who interviewed the applicant rates the applicant. Aggregate ratings will be used in the final selection of the SBB student(s) for the coming year.
* Applicants will be notified of selection or non-selection by August.