

Medical Laboratory Assistant program

Better Jobs Ontario (formerly Second Career) Applicants – September/Fall 2025 Intake

PROGRAM DETAILS

OCAS application fee: \$150.00 – Apply to Major MLBA	
Length: 2 Semesters	Hours per week: 21
Credential: Ontario College Certificate	Location: Barrie Campus
Graduation Requirements 11 Program Courses 1 Communications Course 1 General Education Course 1 Clinical Internship Enter the health-care field as a medical lab assistant - Georgian College	

PROGRAM COSTS

Semester 1 (Fall 2025) Tuition	\$ 1,619.16
+ Compulsory Ancillary Fees	\$ 816.41
Semester 2 (Winter 2026) Tuition	\$ 1,619.16
+ Compulsory Ancillary Fees	\$ 516.31

IMPORTANT DATES

Deposit due date	June 15, 2025
Last day to start	September 15, 2025
Balance of fees due	September 16, 2025
Semester Start/End	Fall Term: September 2 – December 12, 2025 Winter Term: January 5, 2026 – April 17, 2026
Study Weeks	Fall Term: October 20 – 24, 2025 Winter Term: February 23-27, 2026

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Prior to beginning clinical placements, students must complete the following:

- A mask fit test, renewed every two years;
- Level HCP CPR and Standard First Aid (On-line courses are not acceptable);
- Up-to-date immunization records in compliance with the Public Hospitals Act. Completion and submission of this record is required to ensure your placement in clinical and field placement facilities;
- An up-to-date clear criminal reference check and vulnerable sector screen (renewed regularly so that it is never more than 6 months old).

Placement agencies require an up-to-date clear criminal reference check and vulnerable sector check prior to going out on placement. Students should obtain their criminal reference no more than three months prior to placement; checks conducted earlier may not be considered current. As some jurisdictions require longer lead-time for processing, please check with the program coordinator to ensure you allow for sufficient turn-around time. It is the student's responsibility to provide the completed document prior to placement start.

NOTE: Individuals who have been charged or convicted criminally and not pardoned will be prohibited from proceeding to a clinical or work placement.

Applicants are encouraged to obtain volunteer or work experience in a health or human service field to assist them in making a career choice.

In order to provide quality practicum placements, students are placed in a variety of agencies in the region serviced by the campus. Students are required to provide their own transportation to practicum placements. Placements may be 6, 8, 10- or 12-hour days and may include holidays, weekends, nights and evenings starting as early as 0600.

All Semester 2 courses except MLAB 1003 will be compressed into 12 weeks for delivery. MLAB 1003 (MLA Clinical Placement) will be delivered as a combination of simulation (2 week block) and clinical placement (4 week block) at partner hospitals. Placements may begin as early as week 13 and end as late as the end of June.

TEXTBOOK INFORMATION

Once a student has registered for their courses, the booklist will be available on their Banner account. Students are encouraged to check their booklist and to purchase them prior to the start of classes. Once textbooks are purchased, students must email their proof of purchase to BetterJobsOntario@GeorgianCollege.ca. A letter will be provided to submit to Better Jobs Ontario for proper funding. Proof of purchase is in the form of receipts only; either a photo of the paper receipt or a copy of the e-receipt. Booklists are generated from your list of registered courses; as a result, if the student has not registered for courses, they will not be able to view their booklist. Students should expect to pay between \$1000 - \$1,500 for textbooks over the course of this program.

Students can watch the following informational clip on how to find and purchase their textbooks:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTNB2mYrqhM>

REFUND/WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Students have until Day 10 (last day of the add/drop period) to withdraw from their program with a full financial refund. After this date, there is no financial refund available; regardless of how a student is funding their education (Better Jobs Ontario funding included). Students are able to withdraw without academic penalty until approximately 11 weeks into the semester. Exact dates to withdraw without academic penalty are available upon request via email to BetterJobsOntario@GeorgianCollege.ca.

TUITION DEPOSITS

- A tuition deposit payment of \$250 is required once per academic year (September to August) in order to secure your seat and register for classes
- If your Better Jobs Ontario funding has not come through by the due date, you are responsible for making the minimum payment of \$250
- Better Jobs Ontario students who are approved under the Better Jobs Ontario program and who pay their deposit will not be charged the late fee provided the full fees are covered. If a funded Better Jobs Ontario student notices a late fee on their account, the student is responsible for notifying us at BetterJobsOntario@GeorgianCollege.ca to have it removed from the financial record.

Contact information: BetterJobsOntario@GeorgianCollege.ca