

14. Do you have any additional remarks regarding these standards ?

ResponseID Response

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9 Final Justification Statement for NAACLS Review or Institutional Consideration "The program supports recognition of American Medical Technologists as an acceptable national certification pathway for graduates of Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT), Medical Technologist/Medical Laboratory Science (MT/MLS), and Phlebotomy programs based on workforce relevance, competency-based assessment standards, employer utilization, and student accessibility. AMT is a nationally established credentialing organization whose examinations assess essential entry-level competencies consistent with program learning outcomes and professional practice standards in laboratory medicine and phlebotomy. The competencies evaluated by AMT include laboratory safety, specimen collection and handling, quality assurance, infection prevention, analytical procedures, professionalism, and regulatory compliance, all of which align with curriculum objectives and clinical training expectations within NAACLS-accredited programs. Recognition of AMT certification supports the mission of preparing competent healthcare professionals while promoting equitable access to credential attainment, workforce readiness, and graduate employability. Acceptance of multiple nationally recognized certification pathways also supports healthcare systems experiencing workforce shortages by increasing opportunities for qualified graduates to enter professional practice without compromising educational rigor or patient safety standards. The program further recognizes that healthcare employers across diverse clinical settings—including hospitals, outpatient laboratories, physician offices, dialysis centers, and community healthcare organizations—utilize AMT certification as an accepted employment credential for laboratory and phlebotomy personnel. In alignment with continuous quality improvement principles, workforce responsiveness, and student-centered educational practices, the program supports inclusion and acknowledgment of AMT certification as a valid and professionally recognized credentialing option for eligible graduates."

10 None

18 It is my sincere opinion that NAACLS should accept credentials from AMT as equal to ASCP. Many military MLS choose AMT and there is no qualitative difference in performance in the field.

23 I appreciate the opportunity to provide comment. Overall, the proposed changes improve precision, consistency, and accountability across the Standards. I especially support terminology that distinguishes credential from certification, clarifies advanced clinical practice immersion, and strengthens continuous quality improvement through defined outcomes and stakeholder feedback. Clear standards help programs document quality, guide improvement, and prepare laboratory professionals for evolving practice.

24 Be careful of changing language to match that of a single program when all other DCLS programs use different language. This may indicate the committee is beginning to show bias towards one site over another. While I appreciate trying to be inclusive and flexible in language, please understand downstream ramifications to the profession of such appearances.