



Saint Joseph's Hospital
iBb internship July 2009



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Program Goals

- Provide educators with a direct link to businesses in Berks County
- Inform educators about jobs/career opportunities available to students
- Show educators the skills needed for students to succeed in those jobs
- Smooth transition from education to work force

Saint Joseph's Hospital

- Cancer Center
- Microbiology
- Cytology
- Histology
- Hematology
- Chemistry lab
- Blood Bank

Skill requirements

- **Cancer Center:** nursing degrees, MD, BS in physics, BS in data management
- Caring, sensitive, thorough, friendly, ability to work as a team
- Continuing education required
- **Laboratories:** MLT associates or MT BS w/ specialty certificates
- detail oriented, self-motivated, flexible, ability to work as a team
- Continuing education required

Salary & benefits

- Varied with position in cancer center
- \$15 per hour to start in any lab position
- Some continuing education classes free
- Health insurance

Greatest asset

- Patrons who contribute money and time to the hospital
- Employees included as patrons
- Underlying mission guided by Catholic faith

Technology

- Linear accelerator
- Centrifuges
- GenEx
- Microtek
- Incubators
- Computers
- Microscopes
- More

Challenge

- Average age for laboratory technicians is 50 years old.
- Job candidates are hard to find, take several months due to decline in field
- Accepting MLT internships from RACC and MT internships from University of Delaware

Career connections

- Lab tech for a day (rotate through different lab stations) PA CEW 13.1.11 A, 13.1.11 B
- Genetic counseling profiles on cancer risk (case studies) PA CEW 13.1.11 D
- (Career awareness and preparedness)