

Certificate in Laboratory Technical Skills

A New Qualification for Technical Staff Developed by IST
and awarded by PAA/VQSET

- **Accredited by the Qualifications Curriculum Authority**
- **Specified Technical Certificates for Apprenticeship and Advanced Apprenticeship**
- **Developed by Technicians for Technicians**



These qualifications are specifically designed to provide technicians with the knowledge and skills required in order to work effectively and safely. They also provide the underpinning knowledge for the National Vocational Qualification in Laboratory and Associated Technical Activities and are the specified Technical Certificate for the Modern Apprenticeship framework.

The Certificate is written in terms of Learning Outcomes and the contexts in which the skills and knowledge should be applied are defined. The Learning Outcomes reflect the skills and knowledge that a laboratory technician needs to perform to an acceptable standard, at each level.

- Level 1 –100 guided learning hours –6 Units - introduces techniques and working methods for new recruits or for people returning to study
- Level 2 –180 guided learning hours –6 Units - builds on the Level 1 skills and adds sufficient breadth and depth to enable a laboratory technician to function with minimum levels of supervision.
- Level 3 –180 guided learning hours –3 Mandatory Units + 3 Optional Units - includes higher levels of knowledge and skills to enable a technician at this level to supervise the work of others and to specialise in particular areas of science and technology.
- Level 4 (in preparation) – 180 guided learning hours – 3 Mandatory Units + 1 Optional Unit – provides higher level laboratory management skills together with higher level laboratory techniques in a specialist area.

How can the Institute help a training provider?

At the Institute we recognise the difficulties in setting up a new course and we are delighted to be able to provide a full range of administrative support from course registration through to coordination and management. We can also provide a training support package containing relevant practical exercises including appropriate background information and learning guidance. Contact us at our office and you can benefit from IST's 50 years experience in training and qualifications.



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For further information about the Certificate in Laboratory Technical Skills, visit the PAA website www.paa-uk.org or contact PAA\VQSET at Brooke House, 24 Dam Street, Lichfield, Staffs, WS1 6AB
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For information about support for registered centres, the Institute's training packages and possible collaboration please contact the Institute of Science & Technology.

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