

## Well-prepared medical lab graduates

Re the Sept. 30 letter, Medical laboratory professionals needed: Michael Reitermann expresses concerns that “there aren’t enough qualified candidates to fill these jobs;” however, Miami Dade College is doing its part to provide qualified graduates to fill positions in this field. The college’s Medical Campus offers an Associate in Science in Clinical Lab Sciences and in Histology. Both programs are accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science. The graduates from these programs are qualified to become technicians and/or technologists. These programs have been so successful that industry stakeholders have asked for the development of a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Laboratory Sciences, with an option in Histology, which is currently in development.

Each year, MDC graduates close to 50 students from the Clinical Laboratory Sciences and Histotechnology programs; all of whom are well-prepared and job-ready for the medical laboratory profession. Our students’ passing rate on the credentialing exam far surpasses the national average. Currently, there are 50 students enrolled in the CLS program and 30 in the Histotechnology program. The future looks bright, and our students are performing well.

We encourage Reitermann and other leaders in the field to consider MDC’s graduates. They will not be disappointed.

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