



PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT MCISc

The Pathologists' Assistant program trains healthcare professionals who specialize in anatomic pathology, working under the supervision of licensed pathologists. Pathologists' Assistants play a vital role in both surgical and autopsy pathology, providing essential services such as:

- **Macroscopic Examination:** Contribute to the diagnosis process by conducting thorough and detailed examinations of surgical specimens.
- **Postmortem Examinations:** Assisting with autopsies, recording findings, and contributing to clinical histories.
- **Laboratory Management:** Overseeing operations in the surgical pathology suite, managing staff, and ensuring compliance with quality control measures.

When you graduate from our program, you will be eligible to take the Canadian Certification Council of Pathologists' Assistants (CCCPA) certification exam.

The program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS), ensuring adherence to rigorous educational and clinical standards. Graduates are eligible to take the American Society of Clinical Pathology Pathologists' Assistant (ASCP(PA)) certification exam upon graduation.

CAREERS

In the most recent years, all of our graduates seeking employment upon graduation found jobs before graduation - many with multiple job offers. Most (97%) of our graduates from the last five years (2018-2023) are employed as pathologists' assistants across Canada. The remaining 3% (one graduate) are pursuing further education

Graduates from our program have gone on to careers at:

- Ontario Forensic Pathology Service, Toronto, Ontario
- Awanui Group, Wellington, New Zealand
- Fraser Health Authority, Toronto, Ontario
- London Health Sciences Centre, London, Ontario
- The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario
- Alberta Health Services, Alberta
- Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, Manitoba
- Interior Health Authority, Kelowna, British Columbia



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TIME TO COMPLETION	6 Terms (2 years)
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four-Year Bachelor's degree (science background preferred) or MD/DDS degree from an accredited university
APPLICATION DEADLINES	<i>March 15</i>
FUNDING	Students may be eligible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• OSAP and other bursaries and scholarships

To request a tour of the Pathologists' Assistant Graduate Program, please go to schulich.uwo.ca/pathol/gps/mclsc_pathologists_assistant/request_a_tour.html for additional information, etc.

This is a continuous program of 22 months duration. The students take various courses at Western University during year 1 (September to April). In the first five to six weeks of Year 2 (May to early June), they will rotate through various laboratories of London Health Sciences Centre and perform several related activities. Students complete rotations through autopsy and gross surgical pathology for a total of 11 months (June to April of year 2) at London Health Sciences Centre, University Hospital, as well as three Toronto sites. During year 2 they also complete a pathology research project. During the last two months of year 2 (May and June), students complete a community hospital rotation.

Please visit our website at schulich.uwo.ca/pathol or send an email at gradstudies@schulich.uwo.ca for more information.