

## **LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION INFORMATION – SCTE**

### **Medical Technology/MLS**

Students can take either the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Board of Certification (BOC) exam or the American Medical Technologist (AMT) exam. The BOC is recommended as it is the largest and is recognized in all 50 states. It is recommended that students take within a month of graduation, although they remain eligible for 5 years after graduating. To obtain their scores and verification of certification the students must submit their final transcript showing they have a bachelor's degree conferred before being certified as a MLS.

BOC(ASCP) – cost for MLS exam is \$250.00 – [www.ascp.org/BOC](http://www.ascp.org/BOC) - Nationally recognized as gold standard. Sponsored by ASCP Board of Certification.

AMT certification exam for MLS is \$235.00 (<https://americanmedtech.org/Medical-Laboratory-Scientist>) – sponsored by the American Medical Technologists organization.

### **Nuclear Medicine**

Students can take the ARRT or NMTCB. Students sometimes take both, but only need to pass one to be a certified technologist.

Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB): \$200 (<https://www.nmtcb.org/>)

American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT): \$225 (<https://www.arrt.org/pages/earn-arrt-credentials/credential-options/nuclear-medicine-technology>)

### **Respiratory Therapy**

1. Credentialing Organization is the National Board for Respiratory Care - [www.nbrc.org](http://www.nbrc.org)

Cost of the Therapist Multiple Choice exam is \$190 for new applicants and \$150 for repeat applicants. Passing this will get the graduate the Certified Respiratory Therapist credential and permit them to apply for licensure.

The cost of the Clinical Simulation exam is \$200 for new and repeat applicants. Passing this will get the graduate the Registered Respiratory Therapist credential. Many employers are now requiring the RRT and almost all our grads achieve this.

2. State licensure can be obtained from the PA State Board of Medicine or the PA State Board of Osteopathic Medicine. [www.dos.pa.gov](http://www.dos.pa.gov) is used for both boards.

The fee for the State Board of Medicine is \$30 for initial licensure.

The fee for Osteopathic Board is \$110 for initial licensure.

## **Applied Engineering**

Technology & Engineering Education - The TECE program leads to PK-12 PA Teaching Licensure in Technology Education. The best place to get information would be the [MU Certification Office](#).

I don't believe they post cost information, but the Certification Office would probably have the information to share. Education majors need to take several tests and apply for clearances annually, which involves additional costs.

## **Nursing**

Programs that require licensure to be enrolled in the program:

All programs (RN to BSN, MSN, and DNP) -- RN licensure required; cost is based on the state of licensure and directed by the individual state board of nursing. [www.ncsbn.org](http://www.ncsbn.org) is the best place to find each State Board and associated costs. For PA, the cost to apply for a new RN license is \$90 and every 2-year renewal is \$122 (this recently doubled). In addition, RNs must obtain 30 hours of continuing education every two years; cost of this will vary based on how it is obtained.

**To practice as an FNP in PA, graduates need to do the following:**

1. Pass a national certification exam, currently two options:
  - a. ANCC, cost is \$395 for initial exam
    - i. <https://www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/family-nurse-practitioner/>
  - b. AANP, cost is \$315 for initial exam
    - i. <https://www.aanpcert.org/>
  - c. Both require recertification every 5 years
  
2. Obtain NP licensure from the State Board of Nursing (this is in addition to the RN licensure; NPs have two licenses)
  - a. Cost for initial review of materials is \$50; license renewal is \$81
  - b. Cost for initial prescriptive authority is \$95; renewal is \$41