

MAKE IT YOUR MISSION



Clinical Laboratory Science (Medical Technologist)

Find **YOUR** Total Reward\$ of a VA Career

CHOOSE VA for the Mission

At VA, you have more than a job—you have a mission to serve Veterans who've borne the battle with honor.



"I choose VA because I wanted to give back to Veterans. My father is a Veteran and former US Army soldier. He served during Desert Storm, and I thank him for his service. To give back to him and the other Veterans of this nation, I choose to work in the VA to help provide the best quality healthcare."

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Help Improve Care for Veterans

Over 9 million Veterans count on VA for quality health care, infused with a deep understanding of their complex needs and the challenges they face. As a medical technologist, you will ensure that laboratory tests and procedures are consistent with accrediting agency standards and requirements, perform validation/method verification studies for new systems, consult with healthcare providers on logical protocol to follow in attempting to confirm the diagnosis or risk assessment of a patient.

Coverage

Rest easy knowing that VA has you and your family's insurance needs covered. Insurance coverage may follow you into retirement after 5 years of vested service and maintaining FEHB in the 5 years leading up to retirement (conditions apply).

Career and Growth Opportunities

Start your career at VA and benefit from opportunities to build your skills and promotion pathways to other careers in 300 different occupations.

Retirement Benefits

Earn an amazing retirement package including a traditional (defined benefit) federal pension, a 401(k) Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) with employer matched contributions, and Social Security.

Credit for Military Service

As a VA employee, you can choose to carry over eligible military service time that can be added to your total years of creditable service for retirement pension calculation purposes (conditions apply).



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SAMPLE Total Reward\$ of a VA Career as a Medical Technologist

Let's do the math!

This Total Reward\$ sample is a generalized report reflecting the potential monetized value of a full VA compensation package.

Compensation + Benefits = Your Total Reward\$*

Sample Annual Total Reward\$ Worksheet Full-time Employee*

Direct Compensation

Average Salary \$83,000

Total Rewards of Benefits Provided by VA

Health Insurance Premium Subsidy	\$11,024
Social Security	\$5,146
Medicare	\$1,204
Employee Assistance Program (EAP)	\$500
Basic Life Insurance	\$219
Thrift Savings Plan Federal 401(k) (Employer Contributions)	\$4,150
Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS)	\$13,778
Education Debt Reduction Program (conditions apply, \$40k max/yr.)	\$ _____
Child Care Program (maximum benefit/conditions apply)	\$4,992

Annual Total Reward\$ \$124,013

*This calculation is a sample only and does not constitute a contract of employment or a guarantee of benefits or future employment. Certain elements vary and are based on specific circumstances. If your service includes part-time calculations, your total rewards and benefits will be proportionally prorated. For more information, please see www.opm.gov.



Compensation
67%

Benefits
33%

■ Benefits ■ Compensation

Social Security paid by VA = 6.2% of taxable wages on behalf of the employee. If an individual has taxable wages over the taxable maximum of \$147,000, VA will contribute \$9,114.

Employee Assistance Program (EAP) = free legal and medical services

Medicare paid by VA = 1.45% on behalf of the employee.

FSAFEDS Flexible Spending Account = you may contribute up to \$2,850 a year to your health care FSA with a \$570 max carry over and save up to 30% on dependent care expenses.

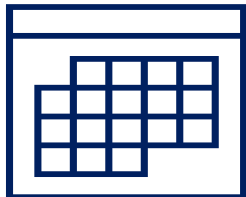
Life Insurance = VA pays 1/3 of insurance cost for basic life insurance.

Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) Federal 401(k) = VA provides up to 5% employer matched/automated contributions to your savings plan.

Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS) = for employees hired after 1/1/2014, VA contributes 16.6% annually to FERS-FRAE basic/defined benefit.

VHA National Child Care Program = assists VA employees in balancing work and family responsibilities. After 60 days of employment, full time employees with a total family income below \$149,000 may be eligible for childcare subsidy program (conditions apply).

Transit Benefit Program. You may qualify for transit subsidy monthly benefits of a max of \$280/month; check with your local VA Medical Center (conditions apply).



Value of Paid Time Off

Total annual combined value of paid holidays, sick leave and annual leave (37 – 50 days):

\$11,772 - \$15,908

Total value of parental paid leave (12 weeks, if taken):

\$19,090

Paid leave is not an additional payment but is a value of your paid time off included in your annual salary based on an 8-hour day.

Take time off. At VA, you start your career with 37 to 50 days of paid time off each year. Paid vacation, unlimited accumulated paid sick leave and 11 paid federal holidays accrue right away.

Paid Parental Leave. VA provides up to 12 weeks of paid parental leave in connection with the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of a child for employees covered by Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) provisions.

Student Loan Reimbursement. As a VA employee, you gain access to education debt reduction program (max of \$40,000/year and up to \$200,000), reimbursement and comprehensive education support programs.

Veterans Canteen Service (VCS). VA employees enjoy tax-free shopping at VCS retail stores, cafes and coffee shops. Shopping online? Visit www.ShopVCS.com for exclusive deals on name brands like YETI, Dell, Under Armour and more. Take advantage of VCS's interest-free employee deduction card PatriotPlus—accepted at VCS business lines.