



Qualification in Immunohistochemistry, QIHC

Eligibility Requirements Effective Oct. 1, 2017

Application Fee: \$240.00

To be eligible for this examination category, an applicant must satisfy the requirements of at least one of the following routes:

ROUTE 1: ASCP or ASCPi certified as an HT or HTL AND six (6) months of full time acceptable experience in immunohistochemistry (clinical, veterinary, industry or research) in the U.S., Canada or an accredited laboratory* within the last five years.

ROUTE 2: ASCP or ASCPi certified as a technologist/scientist or specialist AND twelve (12) months of full time acceptable experience in a combination of routine histology and immunohistochemistry, with a minimum of six (6) months in histology (clinical, veterinary, industry or research) and a minimum of six (6) months in immunohistochemistry, in the U.S., Canada or an accredited laboratory* within the last five years.

ROUTE 3: MLT(ASCP) or MLT(ASCPi) certification AND eighteen (18) months full time acceptable experience in a combination of routine histology and immunohistochemistry, with a minimum of six (6) months in histology (clinical, veterinary, industry or research) and a minimum of twelve (12) months in immunohistochemistry, in the U.S., Canada or an accredited laboratory* within the last five years.

ROUTE 4: Baccalaureate degree or higher from a regionally accredited college/university, AND twenty-four (24) months of full time acceptable experience in a combination of routine histology and immunohistochemistry, with a minimum of nine (9) months in histology (clinical, veterinary, industry or research) and a minimum of fifteen (15) months in immunohistochemistry, in the U.S., Canada or an accredited laboratory* within the last five years.

**CMS CLIA certificate of registration, compliance, accreditation; AND/OR JCI accreditation; OR Accreditation under ISO 15189*

To fulfill the experience requirements for the Qualification in Immunohistochemistry, the applicant must have experience in the following areas:

Routine Histotechnology

The applicant should have experience in **ALL** of the following:

- o Fixation
- o Embedding / Microtomy
- o Processing
- o Staining

Immunohistochemical and/or Immunofluorescence

Preparations **ALL** of the following should have been performed by the applicant:

- o Selection of proper control material
- o Staining technique
- o Titration of immunologic reagents

Quality Assurance

The applicant should have participated in Quality Assurance related to **ALL** of the following:

- o Method selection, validation, documentation
- o Quality control
- o Reagent selection, preparation, storage, disposal
- o Safety
- o Specimen fixation, processing, microtomy

Direct performance, training and/or management/supervision of IHC procedures are acceptable in meeting the experience requirements.