Getting Started: How Can I Become a Laser Technician?
The laser technician is one of the fastest growing job sectors in the medical aesthetics industry. You have questions? We have answers! Here are some of the questions we hear most frequently:

**Question: Why Become a Laser Technician?**
**Answer:** This is the field of choice for people who love helping others look and feel their most beautiful, possess excellent customer service skills, enjoy staying abreast of the latest cosmetic trends, technology and treatments, and prefer working in a dynamic environment.

Need another reason? How about job security! According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the occupational outlook for skincare specialists (including laser hair removal technicians) for 2012-2022 is predicted as “much higher than average”, with an astounding growth potential of 40 percent.

**Q: Do I Need an Aesthetics or Medical Background?**
**A:** In most states, an aesthetics or medical background is not required to become a certified laser technician. Our attendees come from a variety of backgrounds, from recent high school graduates to physicians, and everything in between. Our training course is designed to have all attendees ready in just two weeks to join the exciting field of cosmetic laser technology.

**Q: Are There any Other Requirements?**
**A:** Most laser training schools require only a high school diploma or equivalent for admittance.

As far as state laws are concerned, once you’ve received your cosmetic laser certification, requirements vary state-to-state. Typical coursework includes both classroom and hands-on training and covers a variety of topics such as skin anatomy, hair removal and laser safety. The more prestigious schools such as National Laser Institute also offer training in all of the latest and in-demand modalities such as fractional wrinkle and acne scar reduction, RF skin tightening, body contouring, laser tattoo removal, laser cellulite reduction and laser teeth whitening. We believe the more well rounded your education is, the more valuable you’ll be to potential employers.
Q: What are the Laser Technician’s Ideal Qualities?
A: A successful laser technician will ideally possess:
- A passion for people
- A good aesthetic eye
- Good listening skills
- Careful attention to detail
- A willingness where necessary to be a team player
- Excellent customer service skills
- A professional demeanor
- A love for learning as this is a constantly evolving industry

Q: What Kind of Treatments Can I Perform as a Laser Technician?
A: Again, it varies by state but may include treatments such as laser hair removal, wrinkle reduction, tattoo removal, cellulite reduction, laser spider vein treatments (facial), fat reduction and body contouring, microdermabrasion, laser and chemical peels, photo facial and other types of skin rejuvenation.

Q: Where Will I Typically Work?
A: Most medical and day spas offer cosmetic laser services as do many doctors’ offices. There are also treatment-specific boutiques that offer services such as laser tattoo removal and fat reduction/body contouring. And many fitness centers, hair salons and health and beauty establishments now offer laser hair removal and other laser beauty services. All of these work places are looking for certified, highly qualified laser technicians.

Q: How Long Does It Take?
A: Just two weeks! Many people are surprised to learn that becoming a certified laser technician doesn’t require months or years to achieve. Many of our attendees are currently employed and very few of them have the luxury of taking significant time off from work to pursue certification. Our classroom and didactic course schedules are designed to fit your needs and meet your goals in just fourteen days. We offer both day and evening classes in a number of locations across the U.S.

Q: How Will I Pay for Laser Training School?
A: We offer a variety of payment methods. Sure, we accept cash, check, money order or credit card but we also offer our attendees a number of other ways to
invest wisely in their future. Our school is affiliated with many leading loan lenders and can help get you into the classroom with ease. For military personnel, National Laser Institute is proud to participate in the Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts (MyCAA) program, provided by the Department of Defense (DOD) for accredited and credentialing schools. This program provides up to $4,000 of financial assistance to military spouses who are seeking certifications needed for employment in portable career fields, such as laser and medical aesthetics. GI Bill funding is also available.

Some qualified applicants are eligible for private or government grants that cover all or most of your education without requiring you to pay anything back. Ask us to tell you more about grants.

We also offer a chance to win scholarships, simply by attending one of our many fun and fabulous Skin Scene parties, offered in numerous locations throughout the U.S. and throughout the year. Ask us how you can attend.

**Q: What’s the Job Outlook?**

**A:** In a word, excellent! Baby Boomers are fueling the growth of the anti-aging medical aesthetics market while a younger clientele is having a significant impact on the growth of preventative and enhancement procedures.

The certified laser technician is one of the most important players in one of the fastest growing markets, and this industry is projected to expand significantly over the next decade.

**Q: Where Do I Start?**

**A:** Right here. Just call us! Our admissions department is happy to answer all of your questions about becoming a certified laser technician. Maybe you’re not sure just yet whether this is the right career path for you. Call us anyway! We’ve helped thousands of people just like you make the right choice by providing accurate, timely and thorough answers to all of your questions.