



Statement of Support For the Medical Laboratory Sciences Online Program

The Medical Laboratory Science Online Program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS). WSU is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU).

The lecture and background for the MLS courses is given in an online classroom. Coursework will be completed according to the timeline included in each course syllabus. Laboratory skills are learned, practiced, and perfected to the required level of competency in the supporting laboratory while working with a qualified mentor. Students must complete their MLS classes and laboratory competencies within the semester timeframe. Please refer to the chart below for a list of the minimum required hours for each discipline (some B.S. level classes are project based). The laboratory component of the program must be completed at the student's work facility or other approved clinical site. For this to take place, a legal affiliation agreement between the supporting laboratory and WSU must be completed. The assistance of a mentor or other facilitator will be required. The facilitator will **not** serve as a full-time clinical instructor, but should be available to answer questions, evaluate core laboratory competencies, and give valuable assistance as needed. Various mentors may be utilized dependent upon the organization and size of your facility.

Students enrolled in this program may (dependent on the program of choice) complete various projects emphasizing workload recording, test method validation, procedure manual evaluation, CAP and CLIA requirements, and instrument selection. To complete these projects, the student will need access to procedure manuals, laboratory data, instrument validation data, and on occasion utilize laboratory instruments from the supporting facility. Students should not work on these projects as a part of their regular work duties. The laboratory competencies may be accessed on the WSU website (<https://weber.edu/mls/labcompetency.html>).

Minimum Clinical Competency Hours required for each WSU MLS Course: Please note that hours listed are a minimum and that the goal of the clinical experience is for the laboratory mentor to feel comfortable with the student's performance at the entry level. Students must pass the competency checklist in order to be deemed competent and pass their courses. If more time is needed than the minimum – the student should expect to spend additional time. Competency checklists may be accessed on the WSU MLS website at: <https://weber.edu/mls/labcompetency.html>.

MLA Certificate Course	Minimum Total clinical hours required
MLS 1010 Core Clinical Lab Skills	64 Hours
AAS/MLT Laboratory Courses	Minimum Total clinical hours required
MLS 1113 Introduction to Laboratory Practices	64 Hours
MLS 1114 Principles of Hematology and Hemostasis	64 Hours
MLS 2211 Principles of Clinical Chemistry I	80 Hours
MLS 2213 Principles of Clinical Chemistry II	80 Hours
MLS 2212 Principles of Clinical Microbiology I	80 Hours
MLS 2214 Principles of Clinical Microbiology II	80 Hours
MLS 2210 Principles of Immunohematology	80 Hours
BS/MT Laboratory Courses (MLT to MT Program)	Minimum Total clinical hours required
MLS 3310 Advanced Immunohematology	64 Hours
MLS 3313 Advanced Clinical Hematology and Hemostasis	64 Hours
MLS 3316 Advanced Clinical Micro and Molecular Diagnostics	*80 – 120 Hours
*Note: if the student is currently working in microbiology, they may complete the laboratory competency in 80 hours. However; if they have not been working in microbiology, they may need to spend up to 120 hours.	

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Prospective Student: _____ W #: _____ email: _____
 Program of Interest: MLA (certificate) _____ AAS (2 yr.) _____ BS (4 yr.) _____

Remaining sections to be filled out by the laboratory manager:

Facility Name: _____
 Address: _____ City/State/Zip Code: _____
 Laboratory Manager: _____ email: _____
 Title: _____ Phone: _____
 Is there a student coordinator at your site that we need to contact for student on-boarding? Yes _____ No _____
 If yes, Coordinator's name: _____ email: _____
 Is this student a current employee of your organization? Yes _____ No _____

Please indicate on-site departments below that will be available for the student's clinical competencies:
 for any department not on-site, the student is responsible for securing additional clinical support in that area

Phlebotomy (MLA/AAS) _____ UA/Serology (MLA/AAS) _____ Hematology (MLA/AAS/BS) _____
 Blood Bank (AAS/BS) _____ Microbiology (AAS/BS) _____ Chemistry (AAS) _____
***Bacteriology is required**

Laboratory Accreditation: (CAP, JCAHO, COLA, CLIA, other) specify other _____

Dates student is requesting support (optional): _____

Note: In addition to this Support form, Weber State University and the laboratory facility must complete an affiliation agreement before the student can start rotations or be accepted into an MLS program. The affiliation agreement will outline requirements and may require students to comply with a **background check, drug screen**, and provide a record of their **immunizations**. The MLS department will be reaching out to you or someone at your facility to set up this affiliation. The MLS Department will inform students of any clinical requirements upon program acceptance.

It is my understanding that prior to being accepted into the WSU Medical Laboratory Sciences Online Program, the student must obtain a statement of support indicating that the laboratory understands their responsibility. Please see the previous page for information explaining how the lab competencies are completed for the online program.

Student Signature

Date

Laboratory Manager Signature

Date