BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES - TRADITIONAL TRACK

Overview
The Traditional Track is designed for individuals pursuing a BS degree in MLS. The program is designed to provide education and a career as an MLS. Education includes learning the latest laboratory science technologies, methods, and instrumentation used to analyze blood, tissue, and body fluids to include laboratory Quality Assurance result review and verification.

Admissions Requirements
Applications for the MLS program are accepted between January and mid-June for the incoming class. All application materials, the application fee, official transcripts, and all supporting documents must be received by Allied Health Centralized Application System (AHCAS) by the deadline. Applicants who are enrolled in college courses at the time of application should submit an official transcript showing courses in progress. An official, updated transcript must be submitted upon completion of the courses.

Bachelor of Science in MLS applicants must complete the Texas Core Curriculum (42 hours) and prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or better. Certain prerequisite courses will apply towards meeting the Texas Core requirements:

Texas Core Curriculum Requirement
- English Composition I & II (6 semester credit hours)
- College Algebra or higher (3 semester credit hours)
- Natural Sciences (BIOL, CHEM, PHYS or other natural science) (12 semester credit hours)
- Humanities
  - Any philosophy, language, humanities, or English literature course (3 semester credit hours)
  - Visual and Performing Arts
    - Any arts, drama, or music course (3 semester credit hours)
  - U.S. History I and U.S. History II (6 semester credit hours)
  - Texas State & Local Government & American Government (6 semester credit hours)
  - Any psychology or sociology course (3 semester credit hours)
- All applicants must complete the program prerequisites listed below and no grade less than "C" will be accepted, ALL science courses must be designated for science majors.

Program Prerequisite Requirement
- English Composition and Speech or Writing (3 semester credit hours)
- General Chemistry I with lab (4 semester credit hours)
- General Chemistry II with lab (4 semester credit hours)
- Biology I with lab (4 semester credit hours)
- Biology II with lab (4 semester credit hours)
- Microbiology with lab (for science majors) (4 semester credit hours)
- General Physiology or Human Physiology (upper division) (3 semester credit hours)
- Mathematics course (3 semester credit hours) - must be College Algebra or higher.
  Students are strongly encouraged to have taken courses in Genetics and Statistics to satisfy their elective prerequisites.

Additional MLS program requirements:
- Minimum overall GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Minimum science GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Completion of the online Allied Health Centralized Application System (https://ahcas.liaisoncas.com) (AHCAS)
- Payment of non-refundable application fee for using the AHCAS application
- Submission of the following documents to the AHCAS or Office of the University Registrar:
  - Official transcripts from each college and university currently or previously attended. Applicants who are enrolled in college courses at the time of application should submit an official transcript showing courses in progress. An updated transcript must be submitted upon completion of the courses. Note: Transfer credits indicated on another school's transcript are not accepted in lieu of submitting the original institution record for that coursework. Transcripts from institutions outside the United States must be submitted in the original language and must be accompanied by a NACES Members evaluation agency English translation (course by course).
  - Completion of the two personal essay questions.
- International Applicants only:
  - Applicants from countries where English is not the official language are required to submit scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or Duolingo English Test. The minimum required scores are: TOEFL 84, IELTS 7.0, or Duolingo115
  Scores on TOEFL, IELTS, and Duolingo tests taken more than two years prior to the date of application are not acceptable.

Required Documents (if you are accepted) to the Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Sciences program:
If you are made an official offer for the Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Sciences (BSMLS) program, all of the following items are required prior to matriculation:
- Non-refundable SHP Tuition Deposit to secure each student's seat for the BS MLS class. Directions for this process will be sent to accepted students.
- Completion of a criminal background check. Directions for this process will be sent to accepted students.
- Completion of student drug testing. Directions for this process will be sent to accepted students.
- Student Immunization Record: All enrolled students at the Health Science Center are required to be fully immunized with required immunizations (http://catalog.uthscsa.edu/generalinformation/institutionalpolicies/immunizations/) prior to orientation and registration. Additional information is available on the Wellness 360 website (https://wellness360.uthscsa.org/services/employee-student-health/student-immunization-tracking/).
Final updated transcripts must be submitted upon completion of courses from each college/university to the Office of University Registrar. All Foreign transcripts must be also sent to include the original transcript and the NACES evaluated official transcript (course by course).

Office of University Registrar Mailing Address:
Office of University Registrar - MC 7702
7703 Floyd Curl Drive
San Antonio, TX  78229-3900

• Evidence of current health insurance showing dates of coverage. Unless proof of proper insurance coverage is provided before the first day of class, students will be charged for a health insurance policy through the university. The fee for this policy is non-removable once the payment due date passes and is non-refundable once paid.

Degree Requirements
The Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Sciences degree program is a four-year program that consists of a minimum of 124 semester credit hours. The third and fourth year of the program is comprised of medical laboratory science courses and clinical practicums. The medical laboratory science courses that are completed at the Health Science Center and the clinical practicums are completed at clinical affiliates in the San Antonio area and sites throughout South Texas. The courses listed in the Sample Plan of Study constitute the professional curriculum for the Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Laboratory Sciences.

Individualized degree plans are created for each student admitted to the program in consultation with the program director. It is expected that students will be full-time. However, in special circumstances a student may petition to attend part time. This request for part time status will be reviewed and approved by the Medical Laboratory Sciences Student Progress Committee. Depending on the part time status percentage, selection of this option could delay graduation by at least one year.

Sample Plan of Study

First Year

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**Total Credit Hours:** 14.0