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MLT to MLS Bridge Program Admission

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the necessary requirements for admission into the Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science bridge program, also referred to as the degree completion program.

Policy

Individuals who want to be admitted into the MLT to MLS Bridge Program must follow the steps outlined in this document.

Student Population

Prospective students may be directly admitted into the Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science Bridge program after providing proof of one of the following criteria.

1. Completion of an associate degree as a Medical Laboratory Technician from a NAACLS-accredited program.
2. Completion of a Medical Laboratory Technician program through the U.S. armed forces.
3. Active certification as a Medical Laboratory Technician from ASCP (American Society of Clinical Pathology), AMT (American Medical Technologists), or an equivalent agency.

Consequence of Noncompliance

In the case of noncompliance with the requirements outlined in this policy, individuals will not be admitted into the program and advised of available options.

Admission to the University

All prospective students must [apply to IU South Bend](#) and submit all prior transcripts for review. Individuals are encouraged to communicate with the Program Director or advising to team after submitting transcripts.

Transcript Review

The advising team, in consultation with the Program Director, will review transcripts to determine eligibility. Review of transcripts will also identify courses that will transfer in toward completion of the degree requirements.

Degree Requirements

The advising team will collaborate with the student to create a plan for course completion. The following outlines degree requirements. Courses may be transferred in from other institutions so long as they meet the transfer requirements outlined by Indiana University.

Requirements	Credit hours
Earned credits for completing MLS program OR having active MLT certification – see <i>Student population</i> section for criteria	46
Fundamental Literacies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing: ENG-W131 Reading, Writing, and Inquiry I• Oral Communication: SPCH-S121 Public Speaking• Quantitative Reasoning: HSC-H322 Epidemiology and Biostatistics• Critical Thinking: HSC-W314 Ethics and Health Professionals	12
Contemporary Social Values <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Select from approved courses	3
Extended Literacies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Select from approved courses	3
Science Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BIOL-L101 Introduction to Biology I• BIOL-L102 Introduction to Biology II• BIO-L211 Molecular Biology• 300+ biology course• CHEM-C105 Principles of Chemistry• CHEM-C125 Experimental Chemistry• CHEM-C106 Principles of Chemistry II• CHEM-C126 Experimental Chemistry II	26
Medical Laboratory Science Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CLS-B399 Clinical Laboratory Management• CLS-C415 Molecular Diagnostics and Special Chemistry• CLS-E406 Supplemental Externship (1-2 credits) – optional• CLS-E407 Medical Laboratory Science Review• CLS-I411 Clinical Immunodiagnostics – optional (if information literacy need)• CLS-M411 Mycology and Parasitology• CLS-M413 Advanced Clinical Microbiology	12-17
Electives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Select 300 or 400 level courses in medical laboratory science, health science, or natural science to meet requirements of 30 credits of 300+ courses and 120 total credits	15-20
Total Required Credit Hours	120

Policy History

Date	Action
08/2017	Original policy CLS-04 written
05/01/2023	Change policy number to CLS-M-02; updated to current practice
08/01/2024	Updated division name, policy number, and titles due to campus reorganization