



Advanced Standing - BSHS-MLS

Admission

The MLS student will be awarded 48 credit hours of advanced standing credit upon transcript evaluation of their bachelor's degree courses. In addition, the Registrar will evaluate the student transcript to formally approve the following specific courses that must be completed with a C or above.

1. Anatomy and Physiology I – 4 semester credit hours with lab
2. Biochemistry – 4 semester credit hours with lab
3. Biology – 4 semester credit hours with lab
4. College Algebra – 3 semester credit hours
5. General Chemistry I – 4 semester credit hours with lab
6. General Chemistry II – 4 semester credit hours with lab
7. Medical Terminology – 2 semester credit hours
8. Microbiology – 4 semester credit hours with lab
9. Statistics – 3 semester credit hours

The MLS student with an Associate's in Medical Laboratory Technician will be awarded 9 credit hours of advanced standing credit upon successful completion of the Advanced Standing documents for the following courses:

- MLS 330: Phlebotomy and Pre-Analytical Variables
- Rotation credits for the following courses:
 - MLS 425: Clinical Hematology and Hemostasis (2 credits clinical)
 - MLS 415: Clinical Chemistry (2 credits clinical)
 - MLS 430: Immunohematology (2 credits clinical)
 - MLS 435: Clinical Microbiology (2 credits clinical)

Prospective MLS students will follow the Advanced Standing process and use the Advanced Standing credit Portfolio form as a guide to provide evidence of experience. Acceptable documentation to provide evidence of experience:

1. MLS 310: Phlebotomy and Pre-Analytical Variables
 - MLT certification
 - PBT certification
 - Six months of experience working as a phlebotomist (training documentation must be provided)
2. Rotation credits (MLS 425, MLS 415, MLS 430, MLS 435):
 - MLT certification AND any of the following evidence to show experience noted on the portfolio form:
 - Training documentation
 - Competency documentation
 - Narratives with supporting documentation

No partial credit will be awarded for rotations. If evidence of experience cannot be provided for all listed items in each lab department section, Advanced Standing credit will not be awarded for that section.



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Credit FAQ

1. How long do I have to work as a phlebotomist to earn Advanced Standing credit?

Prospective or admitted students must have 6 months of documented phlebotomy experience to earn credit for the Phlebotomy and Pre-Analytical Variables course. Prospects or admits who have Phlebotomist certification or Medical Lab Technician (MLT) certification may also apply for credit for the same course.

2. Do the clinical rotations I completed in my previous program count toward CPL?

Clinical rotation experience completed as part of MLT degree requirements cannot be used to earn Advanced Standing Credit. Applicable experience must be post-degree for prospects or admits who have MLT certification.

3. What documentation can be used to provide evidence of experience?

Building a portfolio for Advanced Standing evaluation may sound like a daunting task, but your personnel profile likely contains much of the information needed to verify experience. Training and competency documentation that shows you have necessary experience on specific topics are excellent examples of documents that can be used to build your portfolio. In certain situations where documentation may be difficult to produce, a narrative along with supporting documentation, for example, an SOP, may be used.

4. If I earn Advanced Standing Credit for the hematology (or any other subject) class, does this mean I don't have to take hematology (or any other subject) in the program?

Any Advanced Standing Credit earned for courses other than the Phlebotomy and Pre-Analytical Variables course applies to clinical rotation experience only. Students must still complete didactic courses covering hematology, clinical chemistry, microbiology, and immunohematology to ensure they have knowledge at the 4-year degree level to meet program requirements.

5. When should I apply for Advanced Standing Credit?

Generally, students apply for Advanced Standing Credit after being admitted and prior to the start of the MLS program. Prospective students may want to speak with the MLS program director, Stephanie Tieso at Stephanie.Tieso@trinitycollegeqc.edu or (309)779-7725, about their specific situation if they are unsure if they qualify for Advanced Standing Credit.



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Credit Portfolio

Instructions:

This form provides guidance for documentation of experience needed for each course. Please fill out the top section of the form. The verification section is for reviewer use only.

Name: _____

MLT Program/Graduation Date: _____

MLT Certification – Agency/Date (verification must be provided): _____

Employer	Start Date	End Date

Course	Experience	Verification (for reviewer use)
Immunoematology - MLS 430	ABO and Rh Typing Antibody screen and identification Blood components – storage and use Compatibility testing Hemolytic Disease of the Fetus Newborn testing Instrument preventive maintenance and troubleshooting Transfusion reaction testing Processing and administration of blood products Problem solving/troubleshooting	
Clinical Chemistry – MLS 415	Basic analytical methodology to include: Electrolytes Blood gases Glucose Blood urea nitrogen Creatinine Bilirubin Enzymes Lipids Proteins Immunoassay Instrument preventive maintenance and troubleshooting Endocrinology and tumor markers Therapeutic drug monitoring/toxicology Problem solving/troubleshooting	



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Clinical Hematology and Hemostasis – MLS 425	Blood smear preparation, evaluation, and differential Complete blood count Miscellaneous tests (e.g. reticulocyte, ESR, sickle screen) Instrument preventive maintenance and troubleshooting Routine coagulation (e.g. Pt, APTT) Special coagulation tests (e.g. fibrinogen, FDP/D-dimer) Problem solving/troubleshooting	
Clinical Microbiology – MLS 435	Culture evaluation Antibiotic susceptibility testing Instrument preventive maintenance and troubleshooting Media selection Microscopic examination of specimens Manual, automated, and molecular methods for detection and identification of microorganisms Problem solving/troubleshooting	
Urinalysis and Body Fluids– MLS 310	Instrument preventive maintenance and troubleshooting Routine urinalysis Routine evaluation of other body fluids Problem solving/troubleshooting	

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