



BS MLS Online Program - Statement of Support

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

- The lecture portion for each MLS course is given in an online classroom with clinical hours completed at the students work facility or supporting laboratory.
- The laboratory portion of the course is learned, practiced, and perfected to the required level of competency with a qualified mentor at the student’s supporting lab. Lab mentors will **not** serve as full-time clinical instructors, but should be available to answer questions, evaluate core laboratory competencies, and give valuable assistance as needed. Various mentors may be utilized.
- Please refer to the chart below for a list of the minimum required hours for each discipline. **The lecture and laboratory portion of the courses are completed concurrently.** Videos with more information about the clinical competencies can be found at the following links: [Student information](#) & [Mentor information](#).

Minimum clinical competency hours required for the MLS courses: 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>.

BS MLS Laboratory Courses	Minimum total clinical hours required
MLS 3310 Advanced Immunohematology	64 Hours
MLS 3313 Advanced Hematology and Hemostasis	64 Hours
MLS 3314 Advanced Clinical Chemistry (includes UA topics)	40 Hours
MLS 3316 Advanced Microbiology and Molecular Diagnostics	80-120 Hours*
*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 in clinicals.	
In addition to the courses above, other BS MLS courses may require students to complete project-based assignments in the laboratory. These courses do not have competency checklists or a minimum clinical hour requirement; however, access to laboratory supplies and documents may be required.	

Please be sure to review the clinical competency checklists. Full support would mean that the lab can support the mandatory items listed on the competency checklists for each area listed above. You can see those checklists at the following link, <https://weber.edu/mls/labcompetency.html>.

I have read and understand the above information:

Student Signature

Date

Lab Director/Manager Signature

Date

Questions:

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This statement of support is for the BS MLS degree program, for other statements of support, please see our website:
https://weber.edu/mls/mls_sos.html

Student: _____ W #: _____ e-mail: _____

Student must be accepted to WSU before applying for the MLS program

Remaining sections to be filled out by the laboratory manager:

Facility Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip Code: _____

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

Laboratory Manager: _____ email: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____

Is this student a current employee of your organization? Yes _____ No _____

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: _____

Please be sure to review the clinical competency checklists. Items marked mandatory (M) must be available at the facility. Areas not available at the facility will need to be supplemented by another supporting clinical site. (Students are responsible for finding a site to sponsor them for any unmarked areas). The laboratory competency checklists can be found on our website at <https://weber.edu/mls/labcompetency.html>. **Please indicate on-site departments below that will be available for the student's clinical competencies:**

Hematology _____ Blood Bank _____ Urinalysis _____

Chemistry _____ Microbiology _____ **(Bacteriology is required)**

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.

By signing below I acknowledge that I understand 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. I also acknowledge that the laboratory has the resources to support the student in the areas indicated above.

Student Signature

Date

Lab Director/Manager Signature

Date