



Online Medical Laboratory Assistant (MLA) Certificate - 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 the MLA 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.
- The MLA course requires a minimum of 64 clinical hours. **The lecture and laboratory portion of the course is 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 MLA 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.

MLA Certificate Course	Minimum total clinical hours required
MLS 1010 Core Clinical Practices	64 Hours

Please be sure to review the clinical competency checklist. Full support would mean that the lab can support the mandatory items listed on the competency checklist. You can see that checklist 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:

MLS program advisor:

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

Student must be accepted to WSU before applying for the MLA course

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:

Phlebotomy _____ Urinalysis _____ Hematology _____

Immunology/Serology _____ Point of Care Testing _____

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.

This statement of support is for the MLA certificate course. For other statements of support, please see our website: https://weber.edu/mls/mls_sos.html 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