

Salisbury University
Clinical Laboratory Science/Medical Technology Program
ADMISSIONS POLICY

Students should declare a major in Clinical Laboratory Science/Medical Technology (CLS) early in their academic careers to assure appropriate advisement. Enrollment in the CLS Program is a two-step admission process. Admission to Salisbury University and a *separate* approval/admission process to the upper division program. Admission to Salisbury University does *not* guarantee acceptance to the upper division program. Students completing admission requirements must then be accepted by the CLS Program Admission Committee in order to begin the upper division program. Space in the upper division program is limited each year; therefore students should seek admission early. Decisions regarding acceptance occur during the spring semester prior to the start of fall classes, usually by mid-April in time for program planning. Due to course sequencing, students must begin the upper division program in the fall semester only.

Admission Criteria:

1. Each applicant must be admitted in good standing to Salisbury University before being admitted to the upper division program. Transfer students must meet University admission requirements and **must have their previous course work evaluated in writing from their official transcripts prior to being considered for the upper division program.**
2. **All students must have completed either English 101 and 102 or 103 with grades of “C” or better, before beginning the upper division program.**
3. In order to be eligible for admission to the upper division program, each applicant must have a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative grade point average for all undergraduate coursework taken at any institution. Prior to the fall semester in which students plan to begin the upper division coursework, they must successfully complete all prerequisite coursework with the grade of C or better in the following courses: General Chemistry I and II (CHEM 121 and 122), Anatomy and Physiology I and II (BIOL 215 and 216), General Microbiology (BIOL 211), and Modern Statistics (MATH 155).
4. Each applicant must file an Application for Admission to the Clinical Laboratory Science/Medical Technology Program and document satisfactory performance in academic course work completed up to the time of application. The applicant must also document on the application how all prerequisite coursework and general education courses will be completed. Applicants who have not completed all general education credits must document a feasible plan for completion of these courses, since there are few opportunities open in the Junior and Senior years for completion of these requirements. Applications are due March 31. Early decision will be determined in time for spring program planning (mid-Spring semester). Applications submitted after March 31 will be considered only if space is available. Decisions on applications received after March 31 will be made after July 1 only if space is available.
5. The decisions of the Admissions Committee will be based on:
 - a. satisfactory completion of pre-requisite course work to include science/math (see 3 above).
 - b. scholastic aptitude as evidenced by cumulative grade point averages and minimum grades in courses, as listed above; preference will be given to those with the highest cumulative grade point averages for all undergraduate coursework taken at any institution.
 - c. completion of an approved articulated program.
6. Applicants accepted into the upper division program will be notified in writing. Acceptance will be contingent upon completion of any requirements listed as outstanding in the admissions letter. Documentation of completion will be required by the first day of classes in the fall.
7. Salisbury University and the Clinical Laboratory Science/Medical Technology Program recognize numerous mechanisms for advanced placement. Please see the SU catalog or consult with program faculty for more information. Applicants completing course requirements over seven years ago must be evaluated on an individual basis, to assure adequate preparation for the professional portion of the program. Equivalent credit earned by challenge examination is acceptable.

NOTE: Although criminal background checks are not required for admission, please be aware of the fact that many employers will require those checks as well as drug screening prior to employment.

Salisbury University has a strong institutional commitment to diversity and is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer providing equal employment and educational opportunities to all those qualified without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability or sexual orientation.

Admissions policies may change between production of course catalogs due to factors beyond the university's control such the ability of clinical affiliates to accept students. Students should always contact the department and/or visit the department's website for most current version of the admission document.