

Requirements for Admissions for Salisbury University Medical Laboratory Science Program

To help you make tomorrow yours at SU, we share with you the two-step process you need follow to apply to and be considered for acceptance into our Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) Program:

- You've already completed the first step: being officially admitted to SU!
- Second, you must complete a separate admission process to begin the upper-division MLS courses. Space is limited, so admission to SU does not guarantee acceptance into the major. Students are only eligible to begin the upper-division MLS courses in their junior year after successful completion of the admission requirements and admission to the MLS Program. Applications to the MLS Program are due March 1 annually, and admissions decisions are made in time for fall class registration. Due to course sequencing, students can only begin the upper-division in the fall semester. Selected admission requirements and procedures are listed below. Full details are available on our website: www.salisbury.edu/MLS.

Admissions Procedure:

All students, including those currently enrolled at SU as well as transfer students, are considered on a competitive and space-available basis. Decisions regarding acceptance to MLS major are made according to the cumulative GPA, the GPA of required prerequisite English, science and math courses and previous medical lab experience (if any). Grades from all institutions attended will be considered and composite GPAs will be calculated. The committee will also consider the overall judicial and academic records, including number of outstanding prerequisites and the number of D, F, W, and R grades on the transcript. To be considered for admission to the upper division, current and prospective students must fulfill the following requirements:

- You must be admitted to Salisbury University in good standing and eligible to enroll for classes.
- All transcripts from all previous academic institutions attended must be sent to and received by the Admissions Office and to the Medical Laboratory Science Program sufficiently ahead of time to allow for evaluation of transfer status.
- Prior to the fall semester in which you plan to begin the upper-division MLS courses, you must document enrollment in any outstanding prerequisite courses by June 15 and must document successful completion of all prerequisite coursework with all grades of C or better by August 15 prior to the fall semester. The prerequisite courses are: ENGL 103, BIOL 211, BIOL 215, BIOL 216, CHEM 121, CHEM 122, and MATH 155. Students with a D or F in any prerequisite course will automatically be waitlisted. **Online lab courses for these prerequisites will generally NOT be accepted.** Candidates for the MLS Program should discuss this with their advisors prior to enrolling in classes with online labs.
- You must review the Admissions Policy and the Essential Functions available on our website – www.salisbury.edu/MLS – and acknowledge on the application that you can meet the requirements outlined for successful completion of the degree in both documents. It is important to note that clinical internships are required to complete the degree, and that hospitals can and will require that you document that you can physically complete the internship and are not a danger to yourself or others. You will have to document you are capable and fit in various ways,

including physical examinations, vaccinations, TB testing, drug/alcohol testing and criminal background checks. Further, some of these same activities are required for licensure in some states. You are financially responsible for physical examinations, vaccinations, TB tests, drug/alcohol testing, criminal background checks, transportation and any other expenses related to clinical internships.

- You must submit the Application for Admission form to the Medical Laboratory Science Program (available on the website) by March 1 of the spring (typically sophomore year) semester just prior to the desired fall semester entry (typically the junior year) to:

Dr. Christina Camillo, Medical Laboratory Science Program Director

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410-543-6365 or cgcamillo@salisbury.edu

Applications from students who do not meet the above criteria will be archived and not considered until all of the above criteria are met. Admission will be revoked from students who falsify applications or do not appropriately document or complete outstanding admission requirements, and the space will be given to the next student on the waiting list. Students who have previously been admitted should consult with the chair of the MLS Program regarding readmission policies. ASCP-certified medical laboratory technicians (MLT) and graduates of MLT programs with articulation agreements with Salisbury University should contact the MLS Program for additional information regarding advanced placement and admission. Applicants should note that this degree may not, by itself, be sufficient to become a licensed MLS in every state.

For more information out the MLS Program, visit our website: www.salisbury.edu/MLS

We look forward to you joining the flock!