MLS - Medical Laboratory Science

MLS 210 Orientation to Medical Laboratory Science (1 Credit Hour)
An introduction to the profession of medical laboratory science (previously called medical technology). Professional, ethical and operational issues will be discussed.

MLS 307 Clinical Methods in Microbiology (1 Credit Hour)
Laboratory techniques in the diagnosis of clinically relevant microorganisms.
Prerequisites: admission to the major or minor in medical laboratory science
Pre-or corequisite: MLS 308

MLS 308 Clinical Microbiology (2 Credit Hours)
A fundamental course in microbiology that includes bacterial growth, synthesis, differentiation, microbial nutrition and metabolism.
Prerequisites: BIOL 121N, BIOL 122N, CHEM 121N, CHEM 122N; CHEM 211 is recommended or permission of the instructor

MLS 309 Medical Bacteriology (3 Credit Hours)
A comprehensive survey of bacteria, including colonial morphology, cultural characteristics, biochemical identification, pathogenicity, epidemiology, and treatment.
Prerequisites: MLS 307 and MLS 308

MLS 310 Urinalysis and Body Fluids (1 Credit Hour)
A study of the chemical, physical and microscopic analysis of human urine and other body fluids, with abnormal results interpreted and correlated to disease processes and cancer cytology of the urinary tract.
Prerequisites: BIOL 250 and BIOL 251 or permission of the instructor

MLS 311 Hematology (3 Credit Hours)
The study of the principles of the formation and development of blood, including the interpretation of normal and abnormal blood morphology and diagnostic procedures in the investigation of hematological disorders.
Prerequisites: BIOL 250 and BIOL 251 or permission of the instructor
Pre-or corequisite: MLS 312

MLS 312 Hematology Laboratory (1 Credit Hour)
Laboratory methods utilizing microscopy and other analytical procedures in the diagnosis and investigation of hematological disorders.
Prerequisites: admission to the major or minor in medical laboratory science
Pre-or corequisite: MLS 311

MLS 313 Diagnostic Methods in Urinalysis (1 Credit Hour)
Laboratory experience in the chemical, physical, and microscopic examination of the urine and body fluids with emphasis on quality control, osmometry, and disease correlates.
Prerequisites: BIOL 250 or equivalent
Pre-or corequisite: MLS 310

MLS 319 Medical Bacteriology Methods (2 Credit Hours)
Laboratory methods emphasizing isolation, identification and media requirements for pathogenic microorganisms.
Prerequisites: admission to the major or minor in medical laboratory science
Pre-or corequisite: MLS 309

MLS 320 Blood Collection Techniques (2 Credit Hours)
Laboratory methods in the procurement of blood by capillary, venipuncture and arterial draws, analytical variables, special phlebotomy tests, isolation techniques, safety, forensic, molecular, legal and ethical implications, pediatric, geriatric, and compromised patient concerns. All students must submit to venipuncture by fellow students.
Prerequisites: BIOL 250 or equivalent or permission of the instructor

MLS 322 Phlebotomy Internship (2 Credit Hours)
A 120-hour clinical internship for those desiring to qualify for the ASCP certification exam in phlebotomy.
Prerequisites: MLS 320

MLS 324 Clinical Instrumentation (3 Credit Hours)
This course covers the theory of operation of instrumentation used in the clinical chemistry laboratory. Methodologies discussed include: atomic absorption spectrometry, automation, blood gas instrumentation, chromatography, electrochemistry, electrophoresis, fluorometry, immunochemistry, luminometry, mass spectrometry, nephelometry, osmometry, POCT, spectrophotometry, and turbidimetry. Basic laboratory mathematics applicable to serial and compound dilutions, conversion between metric units, and determination of analyte concentration are presented. Statistical applications for quality control data analysis are introduced.
Prerequisites: CHEM 211 or CHEM 321, MATH 102M or permission of the instructor
Pre-or corequisite: MLS 325

MLS 325 Clinical Instrumentation Methods (1 Credit Hour)
A laboratory course designed for students entering the clinical laboratory field. The course includes the instrumental and data processing techniques required for the clinical analysis of body fluids, as well as statistical techniques applied to the interpretation of laboratory data, method comparison studies, quality control, calibration, maintenance, and troubleshooting of clinical chemistry analytes.
Prerequisites: MATH 102M, CHEM 121N, CHEM 122N, CHEM 123N, CHEM 124N, and CHEM 211

MLS 326 Immunohematology (3 Credit Hours)
The study of the identification of blood group antigens and antibodies, standard testing procedures, decision criteria for component selection, and regulations of blood banks and transfusion services.
Prerequisites: MLS 311, MLS 312, MLS 330, MLS 331, BIOL 250, and BIOL 251 or permission of the instructor
Pre-or corequisite: MLS 336

MLS 328 Advanced Hematology and Hemostasis (2 Credit Hours)
The microscopic study of blood cells in blood and body fluids, emphasizing morphologic identification and correlation of laboratory data in order to identify specific disease states. Fundamentals of hemostasis, emphasizing principles, evaluation techniques, and diagnostic applications.
Prerequisites: MLS 311, MLS 312 or permission of the instructor

MLS 330 Clinical Immunology/Serology (2 Credit Hours)
The study of the body's immune response, its cellular and non-cellular components, in-vitro manifestations, diagnostic techniques and interpretations related to the investigation and diagnosis of infectious and non-infectious disease states.
Prerequisites: BIOL 121N, BIOL 122N, BIOL 250 and BIOL 251 or permission of the instructor
Pre-or corequisite: MLS 331

MLS 331 Clinical Immunology/Serology Laboratory (1 Credit Hour)
Laboratory methods emphasizing in-vitro antigen and antibody reactions used to aid in the diagnosis of infectious and non-infectious disorders.
Prerequisites: admission to the major or minor in medical laboratory science
Pre-or corequisite: MLS 330

MLS 336 Immunohematology Laboratory (1 Credit Hour)
Laboratory methods emphasizing procedures that lead to the identification of blood group antigens and antibodies and the selection of therapeutic components necessary for making transfusion-related decisions.
Prerequisites: admission to the major or minor in medical laboratory science
Pre-or corequisite: MLS 326

MLS 339 Medical Parasitology and Mycology Laboratory (1 Credit Hour)
Laboratory methods emphasizing isolation, identification and media requirements for pathogenic microorganisms.
Prerequisites: admission to the major or minor in medical laboratory science
Pre-or corequisite: MLS 340
MLS 340 Medical Parasitology, Mycology, and Virology (1 Credit Hour)
A study of the medically important parasites, fungi, and viruses, and their medical significance.
Prerequisites: MLS 307, MLS 308 or permission of the instructor

MLS 351 Clinical Biochemistry (3 Credit Hours)
An introduction to the applications of biochemistry and clinical testing in the diagnosis of human disease. Practice given in the interpretation of laboratory data in the areas of carbohydrate, protein, lipid, genetic disorders, liver, renal, pancreatic, G.I., enzymatic, and cardiac testing. Also enzyme kinetics, electrolytes, acid base physiology, tumor markers, endocrinology, pharmacokinetics, therapeutic drug monitoring, and molecular diagnostics. Special emphasis on specimen collecting, pre- and post-analytical variables, and case studies.
Prerequisites: BIOL 250, BIOL 251, CHEM 211, and CHEM 212, or permission of the instructor

MLS 401 General Pathology (3 Credit Hours)
This course is an overview of general disease processes and causes in the human. All body systems will be covered including respiratory, gastrointestinal, circulatory, nervous, reproductive, and urinary. Aging, dietary, and stress factors will be discussed in the disease process. Bacteria, fungi, and viruses will be discussed in general and for each body system. Neoplasms will be covered for each body site. This course will be of benefit to anyone interested in diseases of the human body or entering the medical field. (cross listed with CYTO 404) Pre- or Co-requisites: junior standing

MLS 402 Survey of Clinical Molecular Techniques (2 Credit Hours)
A brief review of nucleic acid chemistry, followed by discussion of clinical applications of FDA approved assays used to detect pathogens for which testing algorithms include molecular based testing.
Prerequisites: MLT certification and admission to MLT-to-MLS degree completion program or permission of the instructor

MLS 403W/503 Management in the Clinical Setting (3 Credit Hours)
A course concerned with organization and management in the clinical setting including personnel supervision, planning, equipment justification, quality assurance, data processing, budgeting, fiscal techniques, marketing, regulatory agencies, educational methodologies, current issues, as well as legal and ethical considerations. This is a writing intensive course.
Prerequisites: junior standing and a grade of C or better in ENGL 110C and ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C

MLS 404 Clinical Hematology Practicum (4 Credit Hours)
Direct clinical experience offered in automated and manual clinical chemistry determinations with emphasis on the principles, instrumentation, interpretation, and diagnostic significance.
Prerequisites: MLS 311, MLS 312, MLS 326, MLS 330, and permission of the program director

MLS 406 Clinical Microbiology Practicum (5 Credit Hours)
Direct clinical experience offered in isolating and identifying human pathogens such as bacteria, fungi, and parasites from various clinical specimens.
Prerequisites: MLS 307, MLS 308, MLS 309, MLS 319 and permission of the program director

MLS 440/540 Statistical Applications and Data Analysis in the Clinical Laboratory (3 Credit Hours)
Topics include review of basic statistics used in the laboratory; use of statistics for quality control, reference range determination, method comparisons, test utility assessment, techniques for searching the literature and assessing quality and applicability of published studies; and data organization and retrieval via queries. Students will perform projects, preferably using actual laboratory data, that relate to lecture topics.
Prerequisites: STAT 130M and permission of the instructor

MLS 441 Clinical Hematology Competencies (1 Credit Hour)
Demonstration of stated clinical laboratory competencies within the discipline of hematology.
Prerequisites: MLS 328

MLS 442 Clinical Microbiology Competencies (1 Credit Hour)
Demonstration of stated clinical laboratory competencies within the discipline of clinical microbiology.
Prerequisites: MLS 309 and MLS 340

MLS 443 Clinical Chemistry Competencies (1 Credit Hour)
Demonstration of stated clinical laboratory competencies within the discipline of clinical chemistry.
Prerequisites: MLS 324 and MLS 351

MLS 444 Clinical Blood Bank Competencies (1 Credit Hour)
Demonstration of stated clinical laboratory competencies in the discipline of blood banking.
Prerequisites: MLS 326 and MLS 330

MLS 452 Clinical Microbiology Practicum (5 Credit Hours)
Direct clinical experience offered in automated and manual clinical chemistry determinations with emphasis on the principles, instrumentation, interpretation, and diagnostic significance.
Prerequisites: MLS 324, MLS 325, MLS 351, and permission of the program director

MLS 454 Clinical Blood Bank Practicum (4 Credit Hours)
Direct clinical experience offered in the theories and principles of blood banking with emphasis on the instruction of technical procedures used in an AABB approved blood bank.
Prerequisites: MLS 311, MLS 312, MLS 326, MLS 336, and permission of the program director

MLS 457 Medical Laboratory Science Seminar (1 Credit Hour)
In-depth review for Medical Laboratory Scientist (MLS) certification exam.
Prerequisites: permission of the program director

MLS 495 Special Topics in Medical Laboratory Science (1-3 Credit Hours)
The advanced study of selected topics within the medical field.
Prerequisites: permission of the program director

MLS 497 Directed Study in Medical Laboratory Science (1-3 Credit Hours)
Supervised experience in medical laboratory science specialties, allowing students to pursue areas of interest under faculty direction.
Prerequisites: permission of the program director

MLS 498 Clinical ResearchMethods (3 Credit Hours)
An introduction to clinical research methods to include sampling techniques, data collection and analysis, inferential statistics, multivariate analysis, hypothesis testing and research design. The student will be expected to develop a research proposal based upon a critical review of the literature.
Prerequisites: STAT 130M or permission of the instructor

MLS 503 Management in the Clinical Setting (3 Credit Hours)
A course concerned with organization and management in the clinical setting including personnel supervision, planning, equipment justification, quality assurance, data processing, budgeting, fiscal techniques, marketing, regulatory agencies, educational methodologies, current issues, as well as legal and ethical considerations.

MLS 540 Statistical Applications and Data Analysis in the Clinical Laboratory (3 Credit Hours)
Topics include review of basic statistics used in the laboratory; use of statistics for quality control, reference range determination, method comparisons, test utility assessment, techniques for searching the literature and assessing quality and applicability of published studies; and data organization and retrieval via queries. Students will perform projects, preferably using actual laboratory data, that relate to lecture topics.
Prerequisites: MLS 328