School of Medical Diagnostic and Translational Sciences

Modeling and Simulation Certificate in Health Sciences
Steven Morrison, PhD, Program Coordinator

The Modeling and Simulation in Health Sciences certificate program is designed for students to develop competency in the use of modeling and simulation theory, methods and technologies to support health sciences research, policy-making, and training in the health care domain. The core course of this program covers the basic knowledge of Modeling and Simulation while the other three courses focus on the applications of M&S in health care related fields.

This program is targeted to graduate students interested in pursuing a career in modeling and simulation in health care or graduate students enrolled in the PhD program at the College of Health Sciences who desire to focus their research and/or course of study in modeling and simulation. The expected time to complete the certificate is four semesters.

Admission to this certificate program requires a bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) and a previous knowledge of calculus and statistics. The basic certificate requirements are four three-hour courses for a total of twelve required credits. The basic simulation core class called Introduction to Modeling and Simulation of three credits is required, plus nine credits of discipline specific classes. A 3.00 GPA for the four-course sequence is required for successful completion. Total amount of credit: 12.

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Since Modeling and Simulation is a highly multidisciplinary science, other colleges can offer discipline specific classes, such as:

- **BIOL 772** Modeling and Simulation in the Life Sciences, 4 credits
- **PSYC 731** Human Cognition, 3 credits
- **BIOL 732** GIS in the Life Sciences, 3 credits
- **BNAL 722** Agent-Based Simulation and Modeling, 3 credits

Molecular Diagnostics Certificate Program

http://www.odu.edu/mdts/molecular-diagnostics (http://www.odu.edu/mdts/molecular-diagnostics/)

Robert Bruno, PhD, Program Director

The discipline of molecular diagnostics includes all tests and methods to identify disease, a predisposition for a disease, diagnosis and prognosis of disease, and potential responses to drug therapy by analysis of an individual’s DNA, RNA, and proteins. Molecular technology is now widely applied to infectious disease, genetics testing, identification of methicillin-resistant *Staph aureus* (MRSA), cancer diagnosis and metastasis, forensic science, and personalized medicine.

The post-baccalaureate molecular diagnostics certificate program is designed to provide fundamental principles, advanced applications and laboratory skills needed for molecular diagnostic and molecular biology procedures conducted in clinical and research environments.

The Certificate is awarded upon completion of 12 credit hours in a coherent sequence with a 3.0 GPA.

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Doctor of Philosophy - Biomedical Sciences
Barbara Hargrave, PhD, Graduate Program Director

In this interdisciplinary program all students are required to master a broad knowledge of the basic biomedical sciences. Refer to the Graduate School (http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/graduateschool/) page of this catalog for details.

MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCES Courses

**MDTS 500, Principles of Molecular Pathology and Clinical Diagnostics.** 3 Credits.

Basic concepts of molecular pathology and clinical diagnostics including nucleic acids, DNA replication, transcription, proteins, mutations and chromosome changes that underlie inherited and acquired/infectious disease, inheritance patterns and genetics as applied to oncology, cardiac disease and organ transplants. Covers emerging molecular/cytologic/histologic methods (amplification, hybridization and microarrays) to detect disease markers, monitor therapy and assess identity; pharmacogenomics and legal/ethical issues of genetic testing. Prerequisites: permission of instructor.

**MDTS 501, Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory.** 3 Credits.

Course includes hands-on experience with or discussion of diagnostics instrumentation and assays using nucleic acid and protein extraction, gel electrophoresis, hybridization techniques, standard and real time polymerase chain reaction (PCR), reverse transcription, DNA sequencing, autoradiography, flow cytometry, microarrays and proteomics-based methods. Pre- or corequisite: MDTS 500 or permission of instructor.

**MDTS 600, Advanced Clinical Applications of Molecular Diagnostics.** 3 Credits.

Course will cover 1) new applications of standard molecular diagnostic techniques and 2) cutting edge technologies, instrumentation and technical advances, both as applied to clinical case studies. Emphasis will be on pharmacogenomics and disease processes including inherited conditions, cancer, hemopathology, infectious diseases, mental retardation and developmental delay. Innovative technologies covered include comparative genomic hybridization, pyrosequencing and bead based assays. Prerequisites: MLRS 500, MLRS 501 or permission of instructor.

**MDTS 601, Advanced Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory.** 3 Credits.

Emphasis of this course will be on primer design for PCR, advanced real time PCR, cycle sequencing, capillary electrophoresis (CE) as applied to DNA sequencing, analysis of SNPS (single nucleotide polymorphisms), microsatellite instability, microarray technology and detection of methicillin-resistant bacteria. Prerequisites: MDTS 500, MDTS 501 or permission of instructor. Pre- or corequisite: MDTS 600.

**MDTS 668, Clinical Laboratory Internship.** 3 Credits.

An optional three-week supervised rotation in a hospital-based molecular diagnostic laboratory or a molecular research laboratory. Prerequisites: MDTS 500, MDTS 501, MDTS 600, and MDTS 601 or permission of instructor.

**MDTS 714, Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory.** 2.3 Credits.

Laboratory rotation with a pre-designated faculty member in which the student obtains hands-on experience. Designed for graduate students to sample different types of research models, techniques, and subject matter without the commitment of dissertation level involvement. Prerequisites: Graduate Program Director approval required.
MDTS 720. Genomic Databases: Content, Curation, and Application to Biomedical Research. 3 Credits.
This course combines a didactic survey of topics important for understanding the origin, curation, advantages, and limitations of a variety of key genomic resources with hands-on training in the proper use of widely accessed public genome resources and common bioinformatic tools. Prerequisites: Graduate standing.

MDTS 730. Chromosome Biology and Human Disease. 3 Credits.
Course goals are a comprehensive understanding of the mechanisms involved in chromosome function and how aberrations in these processes contribute to human disease. Topics include DNA repair and recombination; centromere and telomere dynamics, maintenance, and function; chromosome replication and segregation; control of cell division; dynamics of chromatin structure and function; epigenetics and gene expression; and long-range chromatin interactions and genome function. Prerequisites: MDTS 610, MDTS 611, or approval of instructor.

MDTS 740. Stem Cells: Biology and Therapy. 3 Credits.
Topics to be covered include history of stem cell biology, molecular definitions for stem cell identification, methods for stem cell isolations including: adult and embryonic, current technologies for induced pluripotent stem cell reprogramming, stem cells in tissue engineering and regenerative medicine, and current and future stem cell applications. Prerequisites: MDTS 600 and MDTS 601 or equivalent.

MDTS 742. Tissue Engineering. 3 Credits.
Topics to be covered include history of tissue engineering, development and morphogenesis, tissue structure, cells, scaffolds, regulators, and creating and evaluating a tissue engineering construct. Focus is on biomedical tissue engineering concepts as applied to creating human tissues in the laboratory for surgical repair of injured and diseased tissues and organs. Prerequisites: Graduate standing.

MDTS 750. Molecular Genetics, Gene Function and Genomics. 3 Credits.
The goals of this course are a comprehensive understanding of the mechanisms involved in molecular genetics and gene function and in-depth exploration of modern experimental analyses of these processes. Topics include DNA replication, repair, and recombination; transcription; epigenetic regulation of transcription; chromatin structure, histone modifications, transcription factors, and regulatory RNAs; long-range chromatin interactions and gene regulation; post-transcriptional gene regulation and translation; molecular biology based experimental analysis of gene function; and experimental genomic approaches to gene regulation and gene function. Prerequisites: MDTS 600 and MDTS 601 or instructor approval.

MDTS 805. Fundamentals of Cancer Biology. 3 Credits.
Course will cover molecular aspects of cancer including DNA damage, tumor viruses, cell cycle regulation, oncogenes and tumor suppressor genes and their respective roles in cancer prevention/development, genes involved in promoting or inhibiting metastasis, angiogenesis, telomeres and telomerase, regulation of both apoptosis and autophagy in normal and cancer cells, cancer stem cells, and diagnostic screening assays for therapeutic responses or resistance in cancer patients. Prerequisites: MDTS 600 and MDTS 601 or equivalents; instructor approval also required.

MDTS 810. Molecular Basis of Health and Disease. 3 Credits.
Emphasis is on human genetic syndromes and disorders associated with dysregulation of key signal transduction pathways that control gene expression, cell growth and protein synthesis including the Ras/MAPK pathway, tuberous sclerosis complex-mammalian target of rapamycin, PI3-kinase and others. Diagnosis, screening and treatment will be covered. Prerequisites: MDTS 600 and MDTS 601.

MDTS 811. Chromosome Biology and Human Disease. 3 Credits.
Course goals are a comprehensive understanding of the mechanisms involved in chromosome function and how aberrations in these processes contribute to human disease. Topics include DNA repair and recombination; centromere and telomere dynamics, maintenance, and function; chromosome replication and segregation; control of cell division; dynamics of chromatin structure and function; epigenetics and gene expression; and long-range chromatin interactions and genome function. Prerequisites: MDTS 610, MDTS 611, or approval of instructor.

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MDTS 850. Molecular Genetics, Gene Function and Genomics. 3 Credits.
The goals of this course are a comprehensive understanding of the mechanisms involved in molecular genetics and gene function and in-depth exploration of modern experimental analyses of these processes. Topics include DNA replication, repair, and recombination; transcription; epigenetic regulation of transcription; chromatin structure, histone modifications, transcription factors, and regulatory RNAs; long-range chromatin interactions and gene regulation; post-transcriptional gene regulation and translation; molecular biology based experimental analysis of gene function; and experimental genomic approaches to gene regulation and gene function.

MDTS 891. Doctoral Seminar. 2 Credits.
Students attend seminars, attend a class on giving seminars, and present a seminar on their own research.

MDTS 895. Topics in Molecular Medicine. 1 Credit.
Student led presentations of current topics related to molecular medicine. Prerequisites: Instructor approval required.

MDTS 898. Molecular Biology Research. 1-9 Credits.
Supervised doctoral research in molecular diagnostics or biomedical studies. Prerequisites: instructor approval required.