Frequently Asked Questions

A. Do I need to submit official transcripts as part of my application for admission to the MLS program? **Answer:** Yes! Official transcripts from all colleges and universities you have attended, including DSU, must be submitted as part of your MLS program application packet.

B. I already have a college degree (Baccalaureate or Associate’s). Do I have to complete all four years of the MLS program to earn my BS in Medical Laboratory Science at DSU? **Answer:** Not necessarily. You may need only leverage your college degree coursework to fulfill DSU graduation requirements and complete MLS program requirements. For more information, consult the program requirements document available on this webpage: [https://health.dixie.edu/mls/prospective-students/](https://health.dixie.edu/mls/prospective-students/).

C. Must all requirements and program prerequisites be met or completed for me apply to the MLS professional program? **Answer:** No, not all requirements and program prerequisites have to be completed to apply to the MLS program. However, no offer of admission is finalized if requirements and program prerequisites are not completed before the fall term start date of the program.

D. What happens to my application once it is received? **Answer:** All applications received by the close of the application period: March 31, 2018, are reviewed for completeness and to make sure applicants have met minimum requirements. Incomplete applications and/or those that do not meet minimum requirements are disqualified and removed from further consideration, and the applicants notified. Qualified applications are further evaluated and scored based on criteria for academics, statement of intent, recommendations, and life and work experiences. Application scores along with interview scores are used by the MLS Program Admissions Committee to make admission selections.

E. Is every applicant interviewed? **Answer:** No. Interview slots are limited. Only applicants whose completed application is received by the application submission deadline of 3/31 and who meet minimum application requirements may be offered an interview with the MLS Program Admissions Committee.

F. What is the instructional format of the professional phase of the MLS program? **Answer:** During the first 3 of the 4 semester-long terms of the professional phase of the MLS program, students take integrated lecture-lab courses in the MLS classrooms located in the Health Sciences’ Taylor Building on the DSU campus. With few exceptions, students may expect to be in classes every day, Monday – Friday, for 6-8 hours per day. Upon successful completion of the on-campus MLS coursework, each student is assigned to one or more program-affiliated laboratories to complete a clinical internship during the 4th semester. During this internship, students spend 40-hours per week performing a wide variety of medical lab tests in a contemporary, accredited medical laboratory under the supervision of professionally credentialed Medical Laboratory Scientists.

G. Is every student guaranteed placement for clinical training? **Answer:** Yes. The MLS professional program policy is that we accept only as many students as we can place in clinical training. However, prospective applicants should note that, while we are constantly evaluating and recruiting clinical training sites, students are not guaranteed placement at a clinical training site in St. George or the State of Utah.
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H. Where do students go for clinical training?
   **Answer:** For clinical training, MLS professional program students who have successfully completed the on-campus coursework may be assigned to one or more program-affiliated medical laboratories. Currently the program has affiliations with labs located in Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Arizona, New Mexico, and Oregon.

Due to the variable availability of training slots per training site year to year and the nature of contractual agreements with affiliated training sites, no student is guaranteed placement in St. George or the State of Utah. However, student placement at a specific training site is based on several factors including consideration for student family situations. But, ultimately, student placement is determined by the program in consultation with clinical affiliate training sites.

I. What are the costs associated with completing the MLS professional program?
   **Answer:** DSU tuition and fees are best estimated by consulting the DSU Tuition & Fees website at URL [http://catalog.dixie.edu/tuitionfees/](http://catalog.dixie.edu/tuitionfees/). Books, lab fees, drug screen(s) and background check(s) fees, as well as travel and living expenses associated with clinical training, are other costs associated with completion of the program.

J. Can I work while in the MLS program?
   **Answer:** The MLS program curriculum is academically rigorous, fast-paced, and students have homework and assignments outside of class time. Additionally, class attendance is required. Consequently, we recommend students not work. However, if a student must work because of financial circumstances, we strongly suggest that work be limited to as few hours as possible and it must be during non-school hours.

K. How many students per year are admitted to the MLS program?
   **Answer:** The program admits a cohort of 12-15 students per academic year.

L. If I still have questions after I have submitted my application, who may I contact?
   **Answer:** If you still have questions after submitting your application for admission to the MLS professional program, you may contact:

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