Mission

The mission of the Department of Clinical & Laboratory Sciences, in harmony with Andrews University and the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is to prepare students for Christian service as medical laboratory scientists.

The CLS department encourages faculty in professional, educational and spiritual growth.

The CLS faculty educates students to develop excellence in the skills necessary for a life work of service in quality health care and dedication to improving the human condition.

CLS graduates will minister to the needs of others by practicing and promoting standards of excellence as medical laboratory science professionals.

Medical Laboratory Science

The degree program includes three years of undergraduate (pre-clinical) studies plus one year (3 semesters) of clinical (professional) education.

Pre-clinical Program. The first three years of undergraduate study include General Education, cognate science, and pre-clinical degree requirements. Program options feature directed elective course work selected in consultation with the faculty advisor according to the student's career goals and interests.

Clinical (Professional) Program. The year of clinical studies is comprised of lectures and student laboratories on the Berrien Springs campus and clinical practica at an affiliated hospital or clinical laboratory site.

Clinical Experience (Practica). Students work side-by-side with practicing professionals in patient health care during the final portion of the clinical year. Andrews University maintains a number of affiliations with clinical institutions across the country. Student preferences for clinical site assignments are solicited and granted when possible. Final site assignments are made at the discretion of the faculty. Each student is responsible for providing his/her own transportation for the clinical practica. We strongly advice that each student have his/her own car for that purpose.

Clinical Year Admission Requirements. An independent admissions process is required for university students who wish to enter clinical studies. The application form may be obtained from the Department of Clinical and Laboratory Sciences office. Students should complete the application and return it to the departmental office by January 31 prior to their anticipated clinical-study year.

Admission requires an overall GPA of 2.50. In the admissions process, the GPAs for the cognate science courses and medical laboratory science content courses are computed together. This combined GPA must also be a minimum of 2.50. Preference is given to students with the higher GPAs. Students may only repeat the fundamentals courses once to be eligible for admission consideration for the program.

Applicants must be able to meet the program's published Essential Functions, copies of which are incorporated into the application packet, and express a willingness to comply with the principles, rules, regulations, and policies of both the university and the program as they relate to the ideals and values of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the medical laboratory science profession.

All prerequisite course work, including General Education, cognate science, and pre-clinical courses, must be completed prior to entry into the clinical year. A personal interview may be required at the discretion of the Admissions Committee.

In exceptional circumstances, the Admissions Committee may accept students outside the stated policy.

Student Progression in Clinical Year. The clinical year is highly structured and sequential. Enrolled students may not drop a class, audit a class, or earn a grade lower than C- in any class. Students may enter clinical practica only upon satisfactory completion of on-campus course work. Satisfactory completion is defined as a senior-year minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 and the recommendation of the faculty. A student receiving a cumulative GPA of less than 2.50 may be allowed to advance if the program faculty identifies exceptional circumstances and recommends that the student continue in the program.

Student continuance in the clinical practica is conditional upon acceptable ethical deportment and exemplary patient-care practices. The clinical affiliate supervisors and program faculty are final arbiters in determining student continuance.

Professional Certification. Students who complete the degree program are eligible to write the national certification examination sponsored by the ASCP (American Society for Clinical Pathology) Board of Certification.

Program Accreditation. The Andrews University Program for Clinical Laboratory Sciences holds accreditation from the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS), 5600 N River Rd, Suite 720, Rosemont, IL 60018, (773) 714-8880 fax (773) 714-8886, e-mail at info@naaccls, or the Web at www.naaccls.org.
Undergraduate Programs

BS in Medical Laboratory Science (BSMLS) (124)

General Education Requirements—32
See professional program requirements, p. 39, and note the following specific requirements:
- Religion: professional degree requirements
- Language/Communication: professional degree requirements
- History or Fine Arts/Humanities: professional degree requirements
- Life/Physical Sciences: See cognate sciences below
- Mathematics: Statistics preferred. Students transferring into clinical program—any college level course.
- Computer Literacy: fulfilled through MCLS470
- Service: fulfilled through clinical practica
- Social Sciences: professional degree requirements
- Fitness Education: 2 courses. Recommend freshmen take HLED126 Fit for Life and one additional course from personal fitness, outdoor skills or team activity. Transfer students take two from the three categories above. Must also pass a physician-administered physical exam before advancement to clinical practica.

Cognate Science Requirements—26
BIOL165: BIOL166 or 111; CHEM131, 132, 231, 232, 241, 242
(Fulfills General Education Life/Physical Science requirement)

Major Requirements—61
Prerequisites—11
- MLSC105, 110, 210, 230, 240, 350

Major courses—50

Directed electives—5–8
Students select courses in consultation with and by the consent of their advisors in a planned program to enhance professional preparation. Courses are chosen from biology, business, chemistry, computer science, electronics, and education. Pre-medical/pre-dental students must include PHYS141, 142 General Physics or PHYS241, 242, 271, 272 (8 cr)

BS: Allied Health Administration (65)
This degree is designed for health-care professionals seeking to enhance the knowledge they already have and to help them prepare for future career employment requirements. The degree format features a strong general education and administrative/business component and provides an academic foundation for health-care administrative positions. It is open only to individuals holding an associate degree or a two-year certificate in an allied-health professional area with earned certification where applicable in such areas as diagnostic ultrasound, nuclear medicine, physician assistant, radiation therapy, radiologic technology, respiratory therapy, and special procedures in radiologic technology. Admission to the program is by permission of the Department of Clinical & Laboratory Sciences chair.

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General Education Requirements—32
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- Religion: professional degree requirements
- Language/Communication: professional degree requirements
- History: professional degree requirements
- Fine Arts/Humanities: professional degree requirements
- Life/Physical Sciences: completed through the associate/certificate program transfer credits
- Computer Literacy: professional degree requirements
- Service: fulfilled through clinical practica
- Social Sciences: PSYC101 and BHSC220 or BHSC235
- Fitness Education: professional degree requirements

Transfer credits accepted from an AS degree or certificate program—34

Business/Administration Courses—27
ACCT 121, 122, BSAD341, 355, 384, ECON226, MKTG310

and management courses selected in consultation with and approval of the advisor.

ALHE480 Practicum in Administration—4

Graduate Programs

MS in Medical Laboratory Science (MSMLS) (32)
The Department of Clinical & Laboratory Sciences offers a graduate program leading to the Master of Science in Medical Laboratory Science. In response to the diversity of career skills required by the medical laboratory scientist, the degree features a variety of program emphases, including concentrations in biomedical sciences, business, and management, and education.

Admission requirements. In addition to the general requirements for admission to a graduate program listed in the graduate admission section of this bulletin, the following are departmental requirements:
- Applicants’ previous course work must include 16 semester credits of biological sciences, 16 semester credits of chemistry, and one college-level course in mathematics. Deficiencies must be removed prior to admission to the graduate program.
- Applicants must have an overall GPA of at least 3.0 in undergraduate courses and at least 3.0 in the undergraduate
cognate science (chemistry, biology, math and medical laboratory science) courses.

- Applicants must hold United States professional certification and/or licensure in medical laboratory science acceptable to the admissions committee. Certification may be either general or in one of the recognized areas of specialization. Acceptable certification is usually defined as that offered by the ASCP (American Society for Clinical Pathology) Board of Certification.

- The required Graduate Record Examination (GRE) for admission is a minimum of 800 Composite (Verbal + Quantitative). Students who do not achieve 800 on their GRE may be accepted under provisional status. Individuals lacking United States professional certification may request to be admitted on a provisional basis while they pursue the course work required for eligibility to write the national certification examinations. These clinical courses and their prerequisites require a minimum of four academic semesters. The courses include MLSC210, 230, 240, 320, 350, 400, 401, 402, 411, 412, 413, 421, 423, 431, 432, 433, 441, 442, 443, 451, 452, 453, 461, 463, 470, 475 and 493. Students must receive United States professional certification before completing more than 9 graduate credits, and must meet the GPA requirements as stated above. Students may not enroll in MLSC561, MLSC562 or MLSC585 prior to obtaining certification.

Degree Requirements
In addition to meeting the general requirements for graduate degree programs, students must meet the following departmental requirements:

- Complete a minimum of 32 semester credits including the core of 20 semester credits and 12 semester credits selected from the emphasis chosen.

- Have the graduate program coordinator approve course selections and course sequencing. Students may substitute alternate courses listed in this Bulletin with the consent of the coordinator and the approval of the dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.

- No grade lower than C is acceptable in the graduate portion of the program.

- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 for the graduate portion of the program.

Core courses—20
ACCT500; BSAD500; MLSC501, 502, 561, 562, 585; plus a minimum of 3 graduate religion credits selected in consultation with graduate program coordinator

A minimum of 12 semester credits from one of the following options:

**Biomedical Emphasis**: BCHM421, 422, 430; BIOL444, 445, 446, 475, BOT450, 525; ZOOL425, 464, 465, 475

**Business and Management Emphasis**: ACCT635 (if not taken as part of the core), BSAD515, 530, 531, 620

**Education Emphasis**: EDAL520, 635, EDGS45, 547, 607, 610, 637, 650, EDFN500, 607, EDPC514, 520, 554

*A relevant course not listed in this emphasis may be selected in consultation with and approved by the MLS Graduate Program Coordinator.

Enrollment Continuation Requirements. A student whose cumulative graduate GPA falls below 3.00 in any given semester is placed on academic probation. Academic probation students are not allowed to register for or continue participation in MLSC585.

In consultation with the graduate program coordinator, the medical laboratory science graduate faculty determines the student’s proposed course load for the following semester. The faculty’s recommendation is referred to the dean/graduate program coordinator of the College of Arts & Sciences for final approval.

A student who does not raise his/her graduate GPA to 3.00 within one full-time equivalent semester is terminated from the program. Exceptions require the approval of the clinical laboratory science graduate faculty and the dean/graduate program coordinator of the College of Arts & Sciences.

Courses

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MLSC105
Introduction to Medical Laboratory Science
Lectures and/or demonstrations presented by each of the departmental faculty members covering the major disciplines in clinical laboratory science. A field trip to visit a clinical laboratory is also included. Weekly: one lecture.

MLSC110
Medical Terminology
An in-depth study of medical terms and abbreviations relating to diseases, disorders and drugs. (This course is also available to off-campus students through distance learning. Prerequisite: permission of instructor.)

MLSC210
Fundamentals of Hematology and Hemostasis
Introduces the production, maturation, function of normal blood cells and hemostasis. Selected routine manual hematology and hemostasis procedures are performed. Weekly: Three lectures and one lab.

MLSC230
Fundamentals of Clinical Microbiology
Orientation to clinical microbiology; specimen selection, collection, and transport; microscopic evaluation; stains and sterilization techniques; media and incubation selections; identification of routine and non-routine microorganisms; susceptibility testing; automation and quality assurance. Weekly: Two lectures and two labs.

MLSC240
Fundamentals of Immunohematology
Introduces blood group antigen systems, antibody screening, antibody identification, and compatibility testing. Selected routine procedures are performed. Weekly: Three lectures and one lab.
MLSC320
*Fundamentals of Immunology*
Innate and acquired immune systems of the human organism; immunoglobulin production, structure, function, and diversity; antigen characteristics, variety, and specific red cell groups; tolerance and memory; complement structure and function; cell mediated immunity function and regulation; autoimmune disorders; transplantation and tumor immunology; immuno-deficiency disorders; principles and procedures of techniques used in modern immunology lab. Weekly: Three lectures.

MLSC350
*Fundamentals of Clinical Chemistry*
Clinical lab procedures, safety, application of statistical procedures in quality control, and principles of clinical laboratory instrumentation. Topics include carbohydrates, lipids, electrolytes, and hepatic function with selected pathologies. Weekly: Three lectures and one lab. Prerequisites: completed or currently enrolled in CHEM131 or permission of instructor.

MLSC400
*Specimen Procurement and Processing*
Clinical specimen collection and processing; point-of-care testing, professional ethics; phlebotomy practicum. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

MLSC401, 402
*Clinical Year Seminar I, II*
Introduction to educational methodology, team building, multicultural communication, service outreach, professionalism, clinical laboratory sciences literature and research design and practice. Preparation and delivery of written and oral presentations on current topics. Attendance to all sessions is required. A pass/fail grade is assigned. Prerequisite: permission of program director.

MLSC411
*Hematology*
Cellular elements of the blood, their maturation, functions, and morphologies; abnormal and disease state hematoologies; principles and procedures of routine and special hematology assay methodologies; correlation of patient conditions with results of hematology assay results. Prerequisites: MLSC210 and permission of program director.

MLSC412
*Hemostasis*
Hemostasis systems, their function, interaction, and monitoring; correlation of hemostasis assay results with various disorders; thrombosis and anticoagulant therapy; principles and procedures of routine and special hemostasis assays. Prerequisites: MLSC411 and permission of program director.

MLSC413
*Clinical Hematology & Hemostasis Practicum*
Professional health-care laboratory practicum; emphasis in patient-care application of hematology and hemostasis procedures. Prerequisites: MLSC411, 412 and permission of program director.

MLSC421
*Clinical Immunology and Molecular Diagnostics*
Emphasis on detection, analyses, etiology, epidemiology, immunologic manifestations and correlation with infectious diseases. Theory and application of immunologic/serologic and basic molecular techniques including specimen collection and quality control. Prerequisites: MLSC320 and permission of program director.

MLSC423
*Clinical Immunology Practicum*
Professional health-care laboratory practicum: emphasizes patient-care applications of immunologic, serologic and molecular techniques. Prerequisites: MLSC421 and permission of program director.

MLSC431
*Clinical Bacteriology and Virology*
Emphasis on specimen collection, culture, identification and clinical significance of bacterial pathogens and human-associated viruses. Simulated clinical practice for the separation of normal flora from pathogenic microorganisms encountered in various body sites including the study of antimicrobial susceptibility testing. Prerequisites: MLSC230 and permission of program director.

MLSC432
*Clinical Mycology and Parasitology*
Study of fungi and parasites associated in human infections. Emphasis on specimen collection and preservation, culture and identification procedures. Prerequisites: MLSC431 and permission of program director.

MLSC433
*Clinical Microbiology Practicum*
Professional health-care laboratory practicum; emphasis in patient-care applications of bacteriology, mycology, parasitology, and virology. Prerequisites: MLSC431, MLSC432 and permission of program director.

MLSC441
*Immunohematology*
Blood grouping and typing; blood group antigen systems; compatibility testing; antibody identification; quality control and quality assurance; donor recruitment and selection; component preparation; blood-banking records; grouping and compatibility problem solving; patient clinical state correlations. Prerequisites: MLSC240, MLSC320 and permission of program director.

MLSC442
*Transfusion Medicine*
In-depth study of immunohematology testing results, clinical patient manifestations, blood component therapy and blood product requirements. Prerequisites: MLSC441 and permission of program director.

MLSC443
*Clinical Immunohematology Practicum*
Professional health-care laboratory practicum; emphasis in patient-care applications of immunohematology. Prerequisites: MLSC441, 442 and permission of program director.

MLSC451
*Clinical Chemistry I*
Carbohydrate, lipid, enzyme, electrolyte, acid-base balance, trace element, protein systems, and gastric functions. Correlations with normal physiology and selected pathological conditions. Analysis of relevant blood and body fluids constituents. Prerequisites: MLSC350 and permission of Program director.
MLSC495
*Clinical Laboratory Practicum*
Professional health-care laboratory practicum. Emphasis in patient-care applications in clinical laboratory. Prerequisites: MLSC451, 452 and permission of program director.

MLSC496
*Extended Clinical Practicum*
A twelve-week professional health-care laboratory practicum. Emphasis in patient-care applications. Subject areas are to be coordinated with the Clinical Site Education Coordinator and the Program director. Graded S/U. Prerequisites: successful completion of the 20-week clinical practica of the clinical-year program and permission of program director.

MLSC501, 502
*Seminar in Medical Laboratory Science*
Introduction to educational theory, teaching methods and assessment. Cooperative research into topics of current interest in the literature. Each semester the student prepares a written and oral presentation based on current readings. Faculty and guest lectures also contribute to the seminar series. Admission by permission of graduate program coordinator.

MLSC561
*Laboratory Management Issues and Strategies*
The health-care environment is rapidly changing, and will continue to change for the foreseeable future. In the clinical laboratory, ever-changing government regulations and reimbursement policies require a laboratory manager to be flexible and adopt new skills. Issues faced by the manager and styles and strategies used to deal with these issues are explored. Prerequisite: Permission of graduate program coordinator.

MLSC562
*Issues in Laboratory Regulations and Practice*
Clinical laboratories are increasingly regulated by state, federal and other agencies. Applicable regulations will be examined and their impact on laboratory operations evaluated. A selected number of laboratory quality assurance procedures, as specified by CLIA ‘88 regulations, will be performed in the laboratory. Prerequisites: Statistics and permission of graduate program coordinator.

MLSC585
*Advanced Studies in Medical Laboratory Science*
Designed in consultation with and coordinated by the area specialty advisor. A proposal, cumulative report, presentation and defense required. Prerequisite: Certification and/or licensure as a clinical laboratory scientist and permission of graduate program coordinator. Clinical placement depends on clinical site availability.

MLSC595
*Independent Study/Readings/Research Project*
Topics may be from immunology, immunohematology, clinical chemistry, hematology, microbiology and other areas of patient-care science, clinical laboratory science education, management, or applications specially relevant to clinical laboratories. Repeatable in a different subject area for a total of four (4) credits. Independent readings earn S/U grades. Prerequisite: permission of graduate program coordinator.

MLSC650
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*Project Continuation*
Student may register for this title while clearing deferred grade (DG) and/or incomplete (I) courses with advisor approval only. Registration for this title indicates full-time status.
**MLSC655**  
Program Continuation

Students may register for this non-credit continuation course to maintain active status. For additional information on active status, please refer to p. 47 in the bulletin. Registration does not indicate full-time status.

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**Mission**

The Department of Communication creates and fosters a diverse, Christian learning community dedicated to producing professionals of distinction committed to global service.

“Communicating for community” reflects the vision of the programs offered by the Department of Communication.

Communication is all about connection—successfully sharing messages and meaning. Communication competence is critical to being an effective leader. Lee Iacocca, chairman and CEO of Chrysler Corporation, said, “the most important thing I learned in school was how to communicate...you can have brilliant ideas, but if you can't get them across, your brains won't get you anywhere.”

The Department of Communication offers a variety of undergraduate programs as well as a master’s program.

**Lambda Pi Eta**

Lambda Pi Eta is the National Communication Association (NCA) affiliated honor society.