



**College of Health Sciences
School of Allied Health
Medical Laboratory Science
Holistic Admission Standard**

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Holistic Admission Definition

The University of Louisiana Monroe Medical Laboratory Science Professional Program uses a holistic admission process to select applicants. We believe a holistic admission process allows us to align with our community-informed mission of developing diverse, high-functioning laboratory professionals and leaders. During the admission process, the reviewers use a rubric that measures various conditions or statuses of each indicator.

Holistic admission is a technique that considers an applicant's experiences, attributes, and traditional academic contributors that are grounded in mission, promote diversity and inclusion, and address community values and needs.

MLS Program Mission

The Medical Laboratory Science Program at the University of Louisiana at Monroe is committed to providing northeast Louisiana and the region beyond with competent, ethical graduates who will help meet the needs of the community and the nation.

MLS Program Goals

The program's goals are to:

- Provide adequate didactic instruction and clinical experience based on identified competencies and educational standards;
- Promote safe laboratory practice to include maintenance of working environment and adherence to all safety rules and regulations;
- Assist students in the development of professionalism and ethical behavior;
- Graduate students who demonstrate theoretical knowledge, problem solving, and technical skills in the medical laboratory according to established laboratory standards;
- Graduate individuals who possess a commitment to life-long learning.

MLS Career Entry Level Competencies

Upon completion of the Medical Laboratory Science Program at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, the graduate medical laboratory scientist will be able to demonstrate entry level competency in the following activities:

- Demonstrate professional conduct and interpersonal communication skills with patients, laboratory personnel, other healthcare professionals, and the public;
- Follow and enforce established laboratory safety practices, including biological and chemical safety regulations;
- Establish and perform procedures for collecting, processing and analyzing biological specimens;
- Evaluate and solve problems related to collection and processing of biological specimens for analysis;
- Perform analytical procedures in all areas of the medical laboratory;
- Integrate and relate data generated by laboratory analyses while making decisions regarding deviation from expected results, confirmation of abnormal results, and possible discrepancies;
- Operate instruments within the scope of training utilizing established protocols and quality control checks;

- Establish and perform preventive and corrective maintenance of equipment and instruments, and identify appropriate sources for repairs;
- Analyze quality control data, make judgments concerning the results, and take appropriate action to maintain accuracy and precision;
- Recognize problems and sources of error in laboratory analyses and test systems, and choose an appropriate course of action to solve the problem;
- Assess laboratory services and data to suggest additional or alternative testing methods for proper test utilization and cost-effective laboratory analyses;
- Answer inquiries regarding test results, methodology, test specificity and sensitivity, and specific factors that can influence test results;
- Evaluate new techniques and procedures in the laboratory in terms of method comparison, establishment of reference intervals, clinical usefulness, and economic practicality; develop working procedures and assist in the development of interpretative algorithms;
- Incorporate principles of educational methodology in the instruction of students, new employees, other healthcare personnel, and the community;
- Instruct other healthcare personnel in the interpretation of technical procedures and patient laboratory results;
- Recognize the need for and participate in continuing education activities as a function of growth and development of professional competence;
- Apply principles of laboratory management and supervision to include communication skills, regulatory compliance, finance and marketing principles, information management, and human resource management;
- Use the laboratory information management system and other computer applications;
- Utilize a basic knowledge of research design and practice sufficient to evaluate published research studies as an informed consumer.

MLS Program Admission Requirements

Students must meet the following minimum criteria to be considered for selection into the Medical Laboratory Science professional program:

- [Admission](#) to the University and submission of all official transcripts by the published deadline;
- A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (uncorrected) on a 4.0 scale;
- A minimum grade point average of 2.7 (corrected/selective) on a 4.0 scale for all required prerequisite coursework;
- Completion of all prerequisite academic courses by the end of the spring semester of the application year. A student may request to take a prerequisite course in the summer of the application year; approval to do so will be on a case-by-case basis.
 - a. A minimum grade of “C” or better in all required mathematics, biology, and chemistry courses.

The Program of Medical Laboratory Science adheres to the policies of the University of Louisiana at Monroe as published in the current volume of the [ULM Undergraduate Catalog](#) and the [Student Policy Manual](#). It is the student’s responsibility to be aware of these requirements. University policies regarding admission, graduation, academic standing, probation, suspension, appeals, and readmission from suspension are found in the ULM Undergraduate Catalog.

Application forms and requirements for admission into the professional program are located on the [Medical Laboratory Science website](#). Completed application forms and a copy of the application fee receipt from La Capital Federal Credit Union must be received by the Medical Laboratory Science Admissions Committee by the published deadline each year the student seeks admission for the fall semester. Students who submit the application by the published deadline and meet eligibility requirements will receive priority consideration for admission by the committee. Each application will be reviewed individually for compliance with the requirements for admission. The Program Director, with the committee's recommendation, will notify each applicant regarding admission status. Because there are a limited number of clinical positions, students are selected on a competitive basis. Due to utilization of objective criteria in processing applications, attainment of minimum requirements in the pre-Medical Laboratory Science curriculum does not guarantee admission to the professional Medical Laboratory Science program. If a student is not admitted to the professional MLS program, reapplication may be made following the application procedure during the next admission cycle.

No advance placement or transfer of credits for experiential learning is offered at the ULM MLS Professional Program.

The ULM Medical Laboratory Science Program accepts students without regard to age, race, religion, sex, national origin, or marital status.

Medical Laboratory Science Curriculum

Table 1: MLS Curriculum

Freshman Year			
Semester 1	Credit Hours (14-15)	Semester 2	Credit Hours (16)
ENGL 1001	3	ENGL 1002	3
MATH 1011	3	MATH 1016	3
CHEM 1007/1009	4	CHEM 1008/1010	4
BIOL 1020/2021	4	Core Humanity*	3
UNIV 1001	(1)	Core Fine Arts	3
Sophomore Year			
Semester 1	Credit Hours (17)	Semester 2	Credit Hours (12)
CHEM 2030/2031	4	BIOL 2026	3
BIOL 2014/2015	4	BIOL 3005	3
BIOL 2020	3	Core Humanity*	3
Core Humanity*	3	Core Social Science*	3
Core Social Science*	3		
Professional Program Year 1			
Semester 1	Credit Hours (17)	Semester 2	Credit Hours (15)
MLSC 3010	3	MLSC 3034	4
MLSC 3015	4	MLSC 3038	4
MLSC 3024	3	MLSC 3030	4
MLSC 3032	4	MLSC 4010	3
MLSC 3040	3		
Professional Program Year 2			
Rotation Block 1	Credit Hours (14-16)	Rotation Block 2	Credit Hours (15-17)
MLSC 4011	2	MLSC 4012	2
MLSC 4023	4	MLSC 4022	3
MLSC 4033	4	MLSC 4032	3
MLSC 4043	4	MLSC 4054	4
MLSC 4060 (Fall)	1	MLSC 4060 (Fall)	1
MLSC 4062 (Spring)	2	MLSC 4062 (Spring)	2

*Refer to the ULM Core Curriculum Requirements

**MLSC 2001 is an elective course and may be taken any semester during the pre-MLS curriculum.

Total Hours for the B.S. degree in Medical Laboratory Science = 120 credit hours

Application Process

Phase I

1. The application cycle opens in March, and the application packet is due by May 1st of each year.
 - **Application**
 - Educational Background
 - Extracurricular involvement in student, community, or other service organizations
 - Professional/Work Experience
 - Personal Statement
 - **Academic Metrics**
 - Cumulative Undergraduate GPA
 - Corrected/Selective GPA
 - Last 30 hours completed GPA (Grade Trend)
2. The ULM MLS Admissions Committee screens all applicants to confirm the minimum requirements are met and that applicants are eligible to move forward in the admissions process.
3. All eligible applicants/candidates will receive an e-mail to notify them of their eligibility to move forward to the next phase by May.

Phase II

- **Online Group Interview**
 - The group interview is in May.
 - Applicants are interviewed in teams by the MLS Admissions Committee
 - The interviews are 50 minutes long and consist of three parts. Students are scored using the interview rubric during each component of the interview. Scores are averaged for the final score.
 1. Introduction & Questions: 20 minutes
 - Verbal Communication
 - Self-Reflection
 2. Group Challenge: 20 minutes
 - Peer-to-Peer Communication
 - Peer-to-Peer Collaboration
 3. Debrief Q & A: 10 minutes

Phase III

The final selection of the applicants is based on rank of the final overall admission score. Acceptance letters are emailed the 1st week of June. Once admitted to the MLS Professional Program, students will register for assigned MLS Professional courses.

Applicant Experiences Rubric

Criteria	Indicators	Point Values
Educational Background	Classification and Transcripts from ULM or other Universities/Community Colleges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed a Master's degree (3) Completed a Bachelor's degree (2) On track to completing a bachelor's degree in medical laboratory science (two years' worth of credits) (1) <p>Score: ____ / 3</p>
Extracurricular Involvement	Extracurricular involvement in student, community, or other service organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtained from Application, Group/Individual Interviews Leadership Roles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in <i>three or more</i> service organizations (3) Participated in <i>two</i> service organizations (2) Participated in <i>one</i> service organization (1) <i>Leadership roles (+1)</i> <p>Score: ____ / 3</p>
Professional/ Work Experience	Previous work, life experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-time or part-time job in any healthcare setting such as a hospital or clinic for more than 30 hours (2) Full-time or part-time job in any professional setting (1) No experience in this area (0) <p>Score: ____ / 2</p>
Personal Statement	Personal Statement (refer to application packet)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing reveals the author's unique personality, leaving the reader wanting to know more. The writing uses striking and fresh words: natural, varied, and vivid. (3) Writing reveals the author's unique personality, leaving the reader wanting to know more. The writing uses varied word choices to support ideas. (2) Writing reveals the author's unique personality, but the writing lacks variety. (1) Writing does not reveal the author's unique personality; limited vocabulary use. (0) <i>Completes MLS application correctly and answers all questions in personal statement (+1)</i> <p>Score: ____ / 3</p>

Applicant Experiences Score ____/11

Academic Metrics

Criteria/Indicator	Point Values
Cumulative Undergraduate GPA (uncorrected)	3.60 - 4.00 (3) 3.00 - 3.59 (2) 2.50 - 2.99 (1) < 2.50 (0) Score: ____ / 3
Corrected/Selective GPA	3.80 - 4.00 (3) 3.40 - 3.79 (2) 3.00 - 3.39 (1) < 3.00 (0) Score: ____ / 3
Last 30 Hours Completed GPA (Graded Trend)	3.70 - 4.00 (3) 3.20 - 3.69 (2) 2.70 - 3.19 (1) < 2.70 (0) Score: ____ / 3

Academic Metrics Score ____/9

Group Interview Rubric
Student Name: _____

Verbal Communication				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintains eye contact ▪ Builds on other students' and interviewers' ideas ▪ Asks clarifying questions ▪ Speaks clearly and in complete sentences ▪ Actively listens to interviewers ▪ Explains ideas fully ▪ Maintains a friendly tone 	3 Points	2 Points	1 Points	0 Points
	The student uses four or more while speaking.	The student uses three while speaking.	The student uses two while speaking.	The student uses one or fewer while speaking.
Self-Reflection				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recounts specific details and recollections of events ▪ Uses specific details to draw conclusions ▪ Attends to the feelings both positive and negative, that were prompted by experience ▪ Illustrates self-knowledge by describing why specific characteristics pertain to them ▪ Identifies attributes of positive relationships with others 	3 Points	2 Points	1 Points	0 Points
	The student uses four or more while speaking.	The student uses three while speaking.	The student uses two while speaking.	The student uses one or fewer while speaking.
Communication (Peer-to-Peer)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintains eye contact ▪ Builds on other students' and interviewers' ideas ▪ Asks clarifying questions ▪ Speaks clearly and in complete sentences ▪ Actively listens to interviewers ▪ Explains ideas fully ▪ Maintains a friendly tone 	3 Points	2 Points	1 Points	0 Points
	The student uses four or more while speaking	The student uses three while speaking.	The student uses two while speaking.	The student uses one or fewer while speaking.
Collaboration (Peer-to-Peer)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Communicates effectively with group members ▪ Shares ideas ▪ Listens to other ideas ▪ Puts ideas into action ▪ Maintains a positive attitude ▪ Takes on a leadership role ▪ Works through misunderstandings or frustration in a positive way. 	3 Points	2 Points	1 Points	0 Points
	Student exhibits capability to collaborate illustrating four or more	Student exhibits capability to collaborate illustrating three	Student exhibits capability to collaborate illustrating two	Student does not exhibit the capability to collaborate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Taking over the group and not allowing other students to share ideas ▪ Being aggressive or dismissive of others ▪ Being upset when something goes wrong ▪ Disturbing background noises during interview ▪ Misuse of technology ▪ Interview tardiness (1-point per 3 minutes) 	-1 Point for any of these observed behaviors			

Group Interview Score _____/12

ULM Medical Laboratory Science Admission Score

Applicant's Name _____ Date _____

Overall Admission Score Summary					
	Total Score	Max Score	Percentage	Weight	Final Sub Score
Applicant Experiences		11		20%	
Academic Metrics		9		60%	
Interview		12		20%	
Overall Total Score	____/100				



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Essential Functions

Essential functions are those non-academic requirements that an applicant must possess or develop to participate successfully in the program. The Medical Laboratory Scientist must be able to:

Observation

- characterize color, clarity, and viscosity of biological and reagent materials
- use bright-field, fluorescent and phase binocular microscopes to discriminate fine differences in size (1 μ m range) and color (hue, shading and intensity) in microscopic specimens
- recognize and distinguish text, numbers and graphs in print and on monitor screens

Movement

- move freely and safely about in a clinical laboratory
- perform moderately taxing, continuous, physical and mental work in an eight-hour period, often requiring prolonged sitting
- lift and move objects weighing up to 15 pounds on a regular basis and up to 50 pounds on an occasional basis
- reach laboratory bench tops, shelves, and patients seated in specimen collection chairs
- manipulate phlebotomy and culture acquisition equipment to safely collect valid laboratory specimens from patients
- manipulate laboratory equipment such as pipettes, inoculating loops, test tubes, centrifuges, dials and other instrument components to perform laboratory procedures
- use a computer keyboard to operate laboratory instruments and to record laboratory information

Communication

- follow oral and written instructions to correctly perform laboratory procedures

- effectively converse with patients about specimen collection and laboratory tests in a confidential and professional manner
- communicate with faculty, other students, staff and other health care professionals in a professional manner, both verbally and in writing

Behavior

- perform all duties with honesty, integrity, confidentiality and responsibility. The student must be forthright about errors or uncertainty and take responsibility for his/her own actions.
- manage the use of time, systematizing actions to complete professional and technical tasks within realistic constraints. The student should use “down-time” wisely by preparing ahead of time for future learning assignments or reviewing material previously learned.
- provide professional and technical services, using one’s intellect and exercising appropriate judgment, while experiencing the stress of task-related uncertainty (i.e. ambiguous test ordering, ambivalent test interpretation), emergent demands (i.e. “STAT” test orders), and a distracting environment (i.e. moderate noise, complex visual stimuli)
- be flexible and creative in adapting to professional and technical change
- recognize potentially hazardous materials, equipment, and situations, proceeding safely to minimize risk of injury to self and nearby personnel
- adapt to working with unpleasant biological materials or reagents
- support and promote the activities of colleagues, adopting a team approach to learning, task completion, problem solving and patient care

The National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science (NAACLS) requires schools to define and publish specific essential functions required for admission to the program and to determine that a student’s health will permit him/her to meet the essential functions.



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Program Retention/Progression Standard

- The MLS faculty advised and counsel all pre-MLS and MLS students on a regular basis.
- Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and earn a “C” or higher in all required professional courses.
- The MLS student’s grades are monitored very closely. If a student’s grades begin to fall, the student is counseled by the course instructor, and if necessary, the Program Director. The Program Director meets with each student in the MLS program during year one of the professional program for pre-term and mid-term advising. If a student is in academic jeopardy, MLS faculty meet with the student prior to finals each semester. MLS faculty meet with students in year two of the professional program by appointment. All communication between the MLS faculty and students is kept confidential and impartial.
- Failure of a student to earn a minimum grade of “C” in a professional medical laboratory science course may preclude progression in the MLS program.
- Failure of a student to earn at least a 76% on their year 1 MLS Professional course affective grade.
- In the event that a student earns a non-progressive grade of “D” in one professional non-practicum medical laboratory science course per semester, the student may petition the Program Director to remediate the course. The Medical Laboratory Science Academics Standards Committee will determine if remediation will be granted according to the program’s remediation standard. The student will be assigned to a 1-credit hour 8-week remediation course.
- A student who earns less than a grade of “C” in a MLS remediation course will be dismissed from the MLS professional program.

- A student who fails to earn a progressive grade in more than one professional non-practicum course will be dismissed from the professional program.
- A student who earns a failing grade of “F” in one professional non-practicum course will be dismissed from the professional program.
- Students must earn a grade of “C” or better in all practicum courses. Students who earn less than a grade of “C” in a practicum course will be dismissed from the professional program.
- A student who demonstrates a critical deficiency in safety, technical skills, or application on a required competency will be dismissed from the professional program.
- A student who is not in compliance with ethical, professional behavior or patient welfare guidelines of the program may have sanctions imposed by the Medical Laboratory Science Academic Standards Committee. Sanctions may include dismissal from the program with a course grade of “F”.
- A student who is dismissed from the professional MLS program may reapply for admission to the program during the next admission cycle of the program. If a student is accepted for readmission, the student will be required to retake all professional MLS courses.
- A student who is dismissed from the MLS professional program and granted readmission must earn a “C” or higher in all repeated professional courses. Failure to meet academic standards during the second attempt will result in permanent dismissal from the program with no opportunity to reapply.
- Students who wish to appeal their dismissal from the professional program may appeal to the Medical Laboratory Science Academic Standards Committee to determine if repeated or additional coursework could justify readmission.



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Certification and Licensure

**Additional requirements necessary to practice
Medical Laboratory Science in the State of Louisiana**

The following information addresses some of the important questions that are frequently asked by medical laboratory science students as they approach the completion of their formal education program.

- 1. Do I have to pass a certification exam in Medical Laboratory Science before I can graduate?**

Answer: No. Your degree in MLS is based solely on the satisfactory completion of the course requirements in the MLS curriculum.

- 2. What is a “certification test” and when do I take it?**

Answer: A certification test is an examination given by a medical laboratory science organization that verifies mastery of a certain body of knowledge in the field of medical laboratory science.

The organization that sponsors the certification examination for the Medical Laboratory Scientist is the Board of Certification of the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) www.ascp.org. Following graduation, you must apply to take the examination. An application form must be completed and an application fee submitted. Check the ASCP BOC website for the correct fee schedule and testing dates/locations. Following successful completion of the examination, the certificant will be credentialed as a Medical Laboratory Scientist and can use the credentials, MLS (ASCP), behind his/her name.

3. Is “certification” the same as “licensure”?

Answer: No. Certification means that the individual has completed an examination that certifies that he/she has mastered a certain amount of information in the field of medical laboratory science. Licensure is a state law that mandates that only licensed individuals can practice the profession in the state.

4. How do I become licensed in the state of Louisiana?

Answer: The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) has a website, www.lsbme.la.gov, which includes the checklist of items that the applicant must provide or complete to receive a license in medical (clinical) laboratory science. The applicant should refer to the above website for updates.

Important: As part of the licensing process, the State of Louisiana is required by the Medical Practice Act, R. S. 37:1277(C) to do a **criminal background investigation** through the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections and the Federal Bureau of Investigations on **all applicants**. The LSBME Office of Investigations and Enforcement, as a matter of routine, reviews and investigates (1) reports of a criminal history from the Department of Corrections and/or FBI and (2) incidents where the applicant has not truthfully answered related questions on the application **either of which may lead to delays and/or denial of licensure.**

The application for the certification examination and for the license is strictly the responsibility of the student. Failure to supply the necessary information to the above agencies will result in delay and/or rejection.

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Fees and Costs

**The following costs are estimates and should serve the student as a guide. The list is not inclusive of all possible costs that a student may be responsible for while enrolled in the MLS professional program.*

Table 1: Fees and Costs

Fall Semester (Year 1)	Tuition and Fees	www.ulm.edu/controller/sas/
	Professional Fee	\$350
	Laboratory Fees	\$100 per lab
	Drug Screen	Castlebranch \$ Variable
	Textbooks & Review Books (use for two years)	Approx \$500-\$1500 all MLS courses
	Long Lab Coat for on campus labs	\$ Variable
	Black Scrubs (see uniform requirements)	\$25-30 each
	Monogramming of lab coat and scrubs	Marie's Medical
	MLS Polo (black)	\$25-30 each (approximate)
	Laptop Computer	\$ Variable
Spring Semester (Year 1)	Tuition and Fees	www.ulm.edu/controller/sas/
	Professional Fee	\$350.00
	Laboratory Fees	\$100.00 per lab
	Drug Screen	Castlebranch \$ Variable
	Books	See above
	Health Insurance	\$ Variable
	Immunizations	\$ Variable
	Physical Exam	\$ Variable
	AHA BLS Class	\$50 approximate
	Pre-practicum Background Check/Drug Screen	\$105.00
	LSCLS/ASCLS Dues	\$30 (student)
	LSCLS Meeting	\$200
	LabCE BOC Exam Simulator	\$85 (12-month subscription)
Fall Semester (Year 2)	Tuition and Fees	www.ulm.edu/controller/sas/
	Professional Fee	\$350.00
	Practicum Name Tag Practicum (picture)	\$7.00
	Drug Screen	Castlebranch \$ Variable
	Trajecsyst Competency System Fee	\$100.00 paid to Trajecsyst
Spring Semester (Year 2)	Tuition and Fees	www.ulm.edu/controller/sas/
	Professional Fee	\$350.00
	Drug Screen	Castlebranch \$ Variable
	Books	Review Books
	LSCLS/ASCLS Dues (if not already member)	\$30 (student)
	LSCLS Meeting	\$200
	LT Honor Cords (if eligible)	\$20
	Graduation Fees (cap/gown/etc.)	Variable
	ASCP BOC Certification Fee	\$260.00
	LSBME Criminal Background Check	\$60
	LSBME License Fee	\$65.00
Miscellaneous Fees to Consider	Travel to and from clinical practicum site Lodging for distant clinical sites Meals at clinical site	Variable



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**Application for Admission
PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE PROGRAM
FALL 2026**

Personal Information

Full Name:	<hr/>		
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle/Maiden</i>
Permanent Address:	<hr/>		
	<i>Street Address</i>		<i>Apt/Unit #</i>
	<hr/>		
	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
Primary Phone:	<hr/>	Alternate Phone:	<hr/>
	<i>No dashes</i>		<i>No dashes</i>
E-Mail:	<hr/>		
CWID:	<hr/>	SS#:	<hr/>

Emergency Contact Information

Full Name:	<hr/>		<hr/>
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Relationship</i>
Address:	<hr/>		
	<i>Street Address</i>		<i>Apt/Unit #</i>
	<hr/>		
	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
Primary Phone:	<hr/>	Alternate Phone:	<hr/>
	<i>No dashes</i>		<i>No dashes</i>

Educational Background

List all colleges, universities, professional schools and programs attended since leaving high school.

College/Program	Location	Hours Earned	Degree

Extracurricular Involvement and Volunteering

List community services or volunteer work in which you have participated, including any leadership roles, while in college.

Describe your work experience including the setting. For example: healthcare, retail, manufacturing, etc.

Describe a plan of action for the completion of any remaining pre-requisites at the time of application.

Personal Statement

Why do you want to become a Medical Laboratory Scientist? Ensure your personal statement addresses the following questions.

1. Why have you selected the field of Medical Laboratory Science?
 2. What are you looking forward to gaining from this field of laboratory medicine?
 3. What makes you a unique candidate to become a successful Medical Laboratory Scientist?
- The personal statement should be no more than one page, single-spaced, 11-point, Times New Roman font, with 1" margins.
 - Attach your personal statement to the application as a PDF and email both documents to lasiter@ulm.edu.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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My signature below attests the information provided in this application is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. Any misrepresentation in these materials will be considered grounds for dismissal from the University of Louisiana Monroe and the Medical Laboratory Science Program should I be accepted.

Signature

Date



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Background Check and Drug Screening Release Form

I understand that upon acceptance into and throughout enrollment in the Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) Professional Program, I am required to undergo a criminal background check and drug screening. I understand that prior to beginning practicum courses, a background check and drug screen are mandatory, and that my name may be released to a third-party vendor for the enrollment of random drug screening. I understand that at any time during the MLS Professional Program, including during practicum rotations, I may be required – without notice- to complete a random drug screen scheduled by the MLS Clinical Coordinator/Clinical Practicum Site (CPS). I further understand that if any behavior is deemed suspicious by a clinical instructor, course instructor, or administrator, I may be required to submit a drug screen within two (2) hours of the reported behavior.

I understand that I am responsible for all costs associated with these procedures and the results of the criminal background check and/or drug screening will be released to the University of Louisiana Monroe College of Health Sciences Dean/Associate Dean/Program Director/Clinical Coordinator. I further authorize the release of my criminal background investigation and/or drug screening report to the assigned CPS, for the purpose of determining clinical placement eligibility.

I understand that any information of concern identified on a background check may prevent me from continuing in the MLS Program. A positive drug screen will result in dismissal from the MLS Professional Program, which will affect my ability to graduate.

Student's Printed Name & Signature

CWID & Date



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**Academic Standards, Essential Functions, &
Practice Requirements Signature Page**

Please sign this form to indicate that you have read and understand the program's academic standards, including admission requirements and retention policy.

Please sign this form to indicate that you have read and understand the program's essential functions and that you believe you can meet them. If you are not sure that you will be able to meet these standards, or know of anything that currently or in the future might affect your ability to fulfill these functions, please consult with the program director to discuss your individual situation and/or to request a specific accommodation.

Please sign this form to indicate that you have read and understand the additional requirements to practice Medical Laboratory Science in the State of Louisiana.

Include this signature page in your completed application packet.

Printed Name

CWID

Applicant's Signature

Date



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Application Checklist

Please complete the checklist to ensure that your application packet is complete with all required documents. Do not include the checklist with your application packet.

- ☐ Admission to the University of Louisiana Monroe
- ☐ Cumulative GPA ≥ 2.5
- ☐ Corrected/Selective GPA ≥ 2.7
- ☐ A grade of “C” or higher in all required math, chemistry, biology courses
- ☐ Prerequisites complete following summer semester prior to the beginning of the professional program (with approval from the Program Director, student may be allowed to complete a prerequisite course during the first year of the professional program)
- ☐ Official transcripts from all universities attended **other than ULM**
- ☐ Application to MLS Professional Program (**must be electronically completed**) with handwritten (electronic) signature
- ☐ Signed Academic Standards, Essential Functions, and Practice Requirements signature form
- ☐ Signed Background Check/Drug Screen release form. You will not complete a Background Check/Drug Screen until you are admitted into the MLS Professional Program.
- ☐ MLS Application Fee receipt for \$50 from La Capital Federal Credit Union located on the ULM campus. Ensure that your payment is for the Medical Laboratory Science application fee, **Account # 517490**. The application fee is non-refundable.
- ☐ Fall 2026 application deadline: **Priority Deadline: May 1, 2026**

Admission to the ULM MLS Professional Program is competitive and selective; submission of an application does not guarantee acceptance. Accepted students will be assigned MLS Professional courses upon admission. Acceptance notifications will be emailed by June 1, and students may register for alternate fall semester courses if needed.