



Introduction

Students should declare a major in Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) early in their academic careers to assure appropriate advisement. Enrollment in the MLS Program is a two-step admission process including:

Admission to Salisbury University AND
A admission process to the upper division program.

A student cannot be considered for admission to the MLS Program until admitted to the University. Admission to Salisbury University does not guarantee acceptance to the upper division program. Students completing admission requirements must then be accepted by the MLS Program Admission Committee in order to begin the upper division program. Space in the upper division program is limited each year, so students should seek advisement early. Decisions regarding acceptance occur in three phases as indicated below. Due to course sequencing, students must begin the upper division program in the Fall semester.

Students who have been previously admitted to the Salisbury University MLS Program should consult the MLS Student Handbook for readmission policies. Students will be automatically disqualified if they have previously been dismissed from this or any other Medical Lab Science Program and/or were dismissed from any professional program for cause. Students who have previously been admitted to/attended other programs and discontinued attendance due to extenuating circumstances will need to provide additional documentation as part of the application process. Deliberately withholding information, transcripts and/or other requested documentation will automatically disqualify candidates.

The applicant should carefully review the Essential Functions (see separate document) for Program completion and ask questions if not familiar with the activities or functions listed. Applicants must decide if they have any limitations that could restrict or interfere with satisfactory performance of any of the requirements with or without accommodation. It is the applicant's responsibility to meet these Essential Functions

2. In order to be eligible for admission to the upper division program, each applicant must:
- a. have a minimum of a 2.3 cumulative grade point average for all undergraduate course work taken at any institution.
 - b. have a 2.3 English/science/math grade point average in the MLS course prerequisites (see below).
 - c. successfully complete, prior to the Fall semester in which students plan to begin the upper division course work, all prerequisite course work with the grade of "C" or better in the following courses:
 - i. Composition and Research (ENGL 103)
 - ii. General Chemistry 1 and 2 (CHEM 121 and 122)
 - iii. Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2 (BIOL 215 and 216)
 - iv. General Microbiology (BIOL 211)
 - v. Modern Statistics (MATH 155)

Chemistry and Microbiology courses listed above must have a face-to-face lab to meet admission requirements. Online "labs" are not acceptable unless an exception is granted by the MLS Program Director in consultation with the faculty. Certain baseline skills are required to enter MLS labs not just for academic success but also for safety.

Unless the applicant has been practicing in a situation which requires knowledge of the above, the courses above must have been completed within 5 years prior to the anticipated date of beginning the MLS Program. Acceptability of the age of pre-requisite courses will be made on a case-by-case basis by the MLS Program Director. All students with an earned grade of D or F in the above pre-requisite courses or in MDTC 101: Safety in Biological, Chemical and Clinical Laboratories will be automatically waitlisted and considered for admission once a C or better is earned.

- d. not be on Academic Probation.
- e. have no significant infractions, disciplinary actions at Salisbury University or elsewhere or criminal behavior on record. A significant infraction generally would be one that:
 - i. prohibits licensing/employment in a health profession
 - ii. causes clinical affiliates to bar a student from attending clinical rotations at their facility
 - iii. indicates a history of dishonesty or unethical behavior incompatible with a health care profession

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- f. acknowledge that they can meet Program Essential Functions (see [sepa-3\(weW0003Wnbu\(ra\)13\(m\)\)4\(-\)-56111pro](#))

- iv. have no more than two prerequisite course requirements remaining
 - v. have on their transcripts a combined number of D's, F's, withdrawals and course repeats that does not exceed 4
 - vi. are ranked within the top 18 of those eligible for early admission
 - vii. meet all other admission criteria
- b. Regular Admission: Students not offered early admission and any other students who meet the admissions criteria must submit their applications by the due date of March 1.
- c. Space Available Admission: Students whose application documents are submitted or completed after the March 1 deadline will be added to the waiting list if they meet eligibility requirements.

- d. applicant acknowledgment of ability to perform Essential Functions.
- e. evaluation of any infractions/disciplinary actions/criminal behavior/academic probation.
- f.

a criminal background check. Salisbury University will make every effort to communicate requirements to applicants that are known at the time of application but cannot guarantee that clinical sites will not change the requirements in the future according to new regulations and/or healthcare situations. If/when anything changes, Salisbury University will communicate with students as promptly as possible. **Please note that, although Maryland law allows certain uses of cannabis, federal laws prohibit cannabis use. Institutions that receive federal funding – such as hospital systems in Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia – will NOT accept students that test positive for THC on their drug test. Possession of a medical cannabis card does not create an exception to this prohibition.**

Accommodation cannot automatically be made for students who fail a drug test or criminal background check, and such students may not be able to complete the degree. Students are encouraged to discuss any concerns they have in this regard before committing to the MLS Program.

Non-discrimination Policy

Salisbury University has a strong institutional commitment to diversity and is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer providing equal employment and educational opportunities to all those qualified without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, familial status, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or genetic information.

Admissions policies may change between the production of course catalogs, sometimes due to factors beyond the University's control such as the ability of clinical affiliates to accept students. Students should always contact the Medical Lab Science Program Director and/or visit the Program's website for most current admission policy.

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