

Medical Laboratory Science

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Do I need to submit official transcripts to the Oregon Tech Admissions office and the Medical Lab Science program?**

YES! Transcripts must be submitted with the general Oregon Tech application and a separate set submitted with your Medical Lab Science application packet.

2. **Do all requirements and prerequisites have to be met to apply?**

You can apply to the program before completing the requirements provided you have a **reasonable** plan in place to complete your requirements. All requirements must be completed by the **program start date**.

3. **Are prerequisite courses taken at a community college accepted?**

Prerequisite coursework can be completed at any accredited university or community college.

4. **All my prerequisites were completed at a community college. Will my application be competitive?**

The prerequisite courses are the minimum requirements and they can all be completed at a community college. However, it is recommended to take a few upper-division science courses to make your transition to a rigorous, full-time bachelor degree program smoother and make your application stronger.



15. How well do most of the MLS graduates do on the exams?

Our graduates have an excellent pass record on these exams. Historically, the pass rate is around 95%. In addition, mean scaled scores are well above the national mean.

16. Where are the classes conducted?

During the first four quarters, classes are held on the Portland-Metro campus. Students complete the final extended quarter off campus at clinical externship sites.

17. Are there sufficient externship slots for all the MLS students?

The program policy is that we accept only as many students as we can place in externship sites. While we are constantly evaluating and expanding our externship sites, students are not guaranteed

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20. What starting salary can I expect?

The most recent data indicates that starting salaries for most graduates will probably be in the \$50,000 - \$60,000 per year range.

21. Is every applicant interviewed?

Interview slots are limited. Selected applicants will be interviewed during the second half of February. If selected, you will be notified via email of your exact interview date, time, and location.

22. Can I work in California right after graduation?

For complete details on current California licensure information, please refer to the website of the California Division of Laboratory Science:

<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/Is/lfsb/html/personnel.htm>.

23. Where is the MLS program located?

The program is located on the Oregon Tech's Portland-Metro campus at 27500 SW Parkway Ave, Wilsonville, Oregon 97070.

24. What is the average GPA admitted to the professional program?

The average GPA depends on the applicant pool. Depending on the year, it ranges from 3.2 to 3.4. The minimum GPA to apply is 2.5.

25. I still have questions. Who do I contact?

If you have read the FAQs and reviewed all materials found on the website and still have questions, you can contact **Debra Disko**, the Health Science Division Program Representative, at deb.disko@oit.edu.

