FAQ Sheet for Medical Laboratory Science:

Is Allen College’s Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) Program accredited?

Allen College is an institution regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Allen College’s Medical Laboratory Science program is nationally accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS). More information about Allen College accreditation can be obtained by viewing the Allen College [Accreditation Web page](#).

What is the average salary for a medical laboratory scientist?

The Bureau of Labor Statistics provides information on the laboratory profession at the following link:

[Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians](#)

What is the job placement percentage of the Allen College MLS program?

Allen College’s MLS Program conducts annual graduate surveys to obtain job placement information, and calculates the placement rate based on the most recent three-year period. The most recent job placement information indicated 100% (8 respondents) of the 2010-2013 responding graduates are employed in a laboratory or laboratory-related setting.

What is the pass rate for the ASCP Board of Certification exam among Allen College MLS graduates?

The pass rate for those who take the ASCP-BOC exam within the first year of graduation is calculated based on the most recent three-year period. The pass rate information for the 2010-2013 cycle is 73.7% NAACLS has the benchmark set at 75% for this criterion.

What is the employment outlook for those interested in the laboratory profession?

Information from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics shows a favorable outlook for jobs in the laboratory profession. “Employment of medical laboratory technologists is expected to grow 14 percent from 2012 to 2022, about as fast as the average for all occupations. An increase in the aging population will lead to a greater need to diagnose medical conditions, such as cancer or type 2 diabetes, through laboratory procedures. Medical laboratory technologists and technicians will be in demand, to use and maintain the equipment needed for diagnosis and treatment.”

Additional employment information can be found at:

[Bureau of Labor and Statistics Job Outlook](#)
How do I find out more information about the laboratory profession?

Laboratory medicine is a medical specialty encompassing the diagnostic study of disease by means of laboratory tests of material from the living or deceased patient. The work entails the analysis and examination of human tissue, bone, and bodily fluids for abnormalities, or evidence of disease or infection. The field of laboratory medicine is critical to the accurate diagnosis of patients in a clinical setting, as well as to determine cause of death in the deceased. More information on the laboratory profession can be found at:

- ASCP Lab Professions
- ASCLS Links for Prospective Students
- Medical Laboratory Profession Information

Can you tell me more information about the Allen College MLS program?

Students enrolled in the MLS program complete all general education courses before they begin the MLS-specific coursework. All required MLS coursework can be completed in one calendar year. Students receive the Bachelor of Health Sciences degree with a MLS major and qualify for MLS certification upon completion of program requirements. This option is also possible for those who already have a baccalaureate degree and have completed all general education courses. Most students who enter via this academic pathway enroll on a full-time basis, although part-time study is available. This track has a fall start date, and is offered in a blended delivery format (online delivery of coursework with some on-site visits to campus in the Fall and Spring semesters). Clinical rotations are completed at a clinical laboratory facility.

Information about the program prerequisites can be found on the MLS Curriculum Web page. The curriculum for the two pathways can also be found on the MLS Curriculum Web page link.

How much does the program cost/what financial aid is available?

The final out-of-pocket cost to attend Allen College’s MLS program will vary by student. For the 2014-2015 academic year, the cost of 1 undergraduate credit is $557. The MLS program requires 40 credits for completion. Financial aid is based upon each student’s financial aid profile. Scholarships are available. More information can be found at the Allen College Tuition and Fees Web page.

Who can I contact for more information about Allen College?

Students interested in attending Allen College may contact Andrea Schupbach in the Student Services Recruiting office at andrea.schmit@allencollege.edu or at 319-226-2019. Students with specific questions about the MLS program may contact Brenda Barnes, Director at brenda.barnes@allencollege.edu or 319-226-2082.