PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) Certification program prepares students to become nationally registered medical laboratory scientists and work in clinical laboratory positions upon graduation. Graduates are eligible to sit for the national examination.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. GPA of 2.50 or higher
   A minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA is required in all coursework taken at any accredited institutions. Although a 2.5 GPA is the minimum, the average GPA of admitted students is higher.

2. Prerequisite Courses
   All prerequisite courses or their equivalents must be completed with a **C- or higher by the end of summer term, 2021.**

3. Online Application
   The application is available online, which must be completed and submitted with all required supplemental documents if applicable. Application FAQ can be found here.

   Although a personal interview will not be offered, applicants will be asked on the application to outline their knowledge of the profession and personal career goals. The program will give individual consideration in the admission assessment to courses taken and applicant experiences.

PREREQUISITE COURSES
These courses must be completed prior to admission to the major. Ohio State course numbers shown below.

- **Math 1150 or higher**
- **Microbiology 4000.01**
- **Chemistry 1210**
- **Chemistry 1220**
- **Biology 1113**
- **Statistics 1450.01**
- **Molecular Genetics 4500**
- **Organic Chemistry Sequence (2 courses)**
  - Chemistry 2510 and BioChem 4511, or Bio Pharm 3311 and 3312

**Students may be admitted prior to completion of these courses, although completion of courses creates a stronger application. Courses must be completed before Autumn semester of second year in professional program.**

APPLICATION DEADLINE
The Medical Laboratory Science program admits once per year, with students beginning in the Autumn term. The application deadline for Autumn 2021 is January 31st, 2021. The professional program will begin August 24, 2021.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
The minimum total hours to graduate from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor’s of Science in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences is 120 credit hours. The Medical Laboratory Science Certification program requires a minimum of 120 hours barring special circumstances. Some students may need to take one or more general elective courses to meet the minimum total credit hours required for graduation.

Students should reference their degree audit to ensure they are completing all required components of the degree program. This includes general education, program prerequisites, and professional curriculum. The program includes 6 weeks of clinical rotations in the final semester of enrollment. The curriculum includes all knowledge and practical skills required for professional credentialing.

Prospective students such as baccalaureate degree-holders, transfer, international, or those that have time commitment issues such as student athletes and band members are strongly encouraged to meet with a pre-HRS advisor to discuss special circumstances which may apply.
The above plan demonstrates how students may complete the MLS Certification program in eight semesters. It is highly recommended to take all GE courses before the start of the professional program.

The professional curriculum is completed in sequence and students may complete the program on a part-time basis. However, there is no provision for evening-only enrollment.

Students who intend to transfer credit to Ohio State may view how credit is accepted on Transferology.com.