

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Medical Laboratory Science (MLS)

The MLS program begins once each year in the summer term (late May). Required application materials can be submitted as they are completed, but all materials must be received before admission consideration. Completed applicant files are reviewed on a rolling basis, and the process requires 3 to 4 weeks.

Enrollment is granted for a specific term. All admission criteria must be maintained, including satisfactory completion of required general education courses prior to beginning the program.

Early Applicants

The following criterion must be met:

- Completed fewer than 25 college credits
- Minimum high school cumulative grade point average of 3.8 on a 4.0 scale
- Earned a grade of C- or higher in all prerequisite general education courses

Transfer Applicants

The following criterion must be met:

- Before admission review, transfer applicants must have earned 60 college credits, including 12 credits of the required natural science and/or mathematics prerequisites
- A minimum grade point average of 2.7 (on a 4.0 scale) in the following courses:
 - English Composition
 - Oral Communication
 - Sociology
 - Psychology
 - Anatomy and Physiology*
 - Biology*
 - Microbiology*
 - Chemistry*
 - Organic Chemistry*
 - College Math*
- * Courses used in GPA for students with a previous bachelor's degree at the time of application
- Earned a grade of C- or higher in all prerequisite general education courses

Applicants whose first language is not English must prove [English proficiency](#) prior to admission consideration.

Students without a clear criminal background check may not be allowed to attend clinical rotations. While Iowa does not have licensure requirements for laboratory professionals, some states do. A criminal conviction may hinder an applicant's ability to get a license in a state with licensure requirements.

Meeting admission criteria does not guarantee admission into the program.

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