About the Program

Graduate with a Bachelor’s Degree in Medical Laboratory Science in as little as three and a half years.

Graduates of Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) programs often work in areas such as hematology, clinical chemistry, toxicology, virology, microbiology, immunohematology (blood banking), or molecular biology.

Many of our graduates pursue advanced degrees in medicine, physician assistant studies, pharmacy, dentistry, and veterinary sciences as the curriculum offers an excellent foundation for admission to graduate programs in medical sciences.

Would you like a fast-paced, well-paying career in health care? Consider becoming a Medical Laboratory Scientist:

• You are an integral part of the health care team
• It’s easy to find a well-paying job anywhere in the U.S.
• Demand for laboratory professionals is high and is expected to grow
• Average salary in Medical Laboratory Science is $60,560 nationally (Bureau of Labor Statistics)

What is a Medical Laboratory Scientist?

Medical laboratory scientists (also known as clinical laboratory scientists or medical technologists) provide essential clinical information to healthcare providers and are responsible for assuring reliable results that contribute to the prevention, diagnosis, prognosis and treatment of physiological and pathological conditions. Laboratory tests are extremely valuable and contribute up to 70 percent of all medical decisions made by healthcare providers.
 Paths to a Degree in MLS

**Traditional Track**
Undergraduate students and those with a bachelor degree that have completed general education and program pre-requisite requirements are eligible to apply to the MLS Program at UK's Lexington campus or at the Center of Excellence in Rural Health in Hazard. The deadline to apply for the traditional track is **March 1**.

**MLT to MLS Online Track**
The online career path enables certified medical laboratory technicians (MLT) to advance their education. The online track is limited to those with MLT credentials who are currently employed in a hospital laboratory. The program graduate will receive a Bachelor's Degree in Medical Laboratory Science and will be eligible to sit for the certification examination at the Medical Laboratory Scientist (MLS) level. The deadline to apply is **June 1**.

**Admission**
Once you are ready to launch your new career, complete the online application for the Medical Laboratory Science Program.

Have more questions?

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