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Members, Board of Trustees:

UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE: COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

<u>Recommendation</u>: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of an employersponsored undergraduate certificate in Medical Laboratory Science, in the Department of Health and Clinical Sciences, within the College of Health Sciences.

<u>Background</u>: The proposed online certificate in Medical Laboratory Science is designed to help meet workforce needs in Medical Laboratory Science (MLS), which is experiencing a workforce shortage. Employees without MLS degrees and certification (most often biology and chemistry graduates) are hired to fill employment gaps but are limited without additional credentials. This certificate creates the opportunity for these employees to be trained at the university level to be knowledgeable in data interpretation and better prepared to pass board exams in their subject area to meet workforce needs.

This proposal has the approval of the College of Health Sciences and the Provisional Faculty Senate Executive Committee. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.