

# Medical Laboratory Science FAQ

## What is Medical Laboratory Science (MLS)?

- The study of hematology, clinical chemistry, clinical microbiology, immunology, and transfusion medicine.
- Our goal is to provide physicians with the data to make a critical diagnosis of disease. It is estimated that 70-80% of a physician's medical decisions on any one patient are a direct result of laboratory test data..

## What can I do with a Medical Laboratory Science degree?

- To practice as a licensed Medical laboratory Scientists, one must complete our program, which is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science (NAACLS).
- Students take a national boards through American Society for Clinical Pathology Board of Certification (ASCP BOC).
- Students earn a bachelor's of Medical Laboratory Science.
- Jobs are available in hospitals, reference laboratories, forensic science, and others.

## Why should I choose AUM's Medical Laboratory Science Program?

- One of two undergraduate programs in the State of Alabama.
- Our students obtain required 24 weeks of clinical training and experience through affiliated hospitals and reference laboratories.
- After graduation, students are qualified to work in hospital laboratories, reference laboratories, forensic science, doctor's offices, graduate school, and others.

## How do I enroll in AUM's Medical Laboratory Science Program?

- At least 50 hours of core curriculum coursework should be completed, especially math and science related courses.
- Students should spend their junior and senior years completing MLS coursework.
- GPA requirement of 2.00.
- Applications are due March 1 - June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- For more information and the admission application, please visit our website: [www.aum.edu/cls](http://www.aum.edu/cls)

## Who should I contact if I have questions or need more information?

- Please contact Dr. Kyle Taylor at [jtaylor@aum.edu](mailto:jtaylor@aum.edu) or 334-244-3606.

Note: All academic programs in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences are professional limited access programs. Students must apply to each desired individual program. Students must be currently enrolled at AUM or have documentation of acceptance by the Admissions Office.