Medical Laboratory Science Admission Requirements & Microbiology

Mercy College of Health Sciences

The successful applicant for admission to the clinical laboratory science certificate program must meet the **general college requirements** for admission to Mercy College and the criteria listed below. Admission to the College does not guarantee admission to a professional program.

**Education Requirements**

1. Achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale in college-level coursework overall as well as in the sciences.
2. Earned a grade of "C" (not "C-") or higher in all required courses listed below prior to enrollment:
   1. Sixteen (16) semester hours of Chemistry, including Biochemistry and/or Organic Chemistry that are part of a science major curriculum.
   2. Sixteen (16) semester hours of Biology, including Immunology and Microbiology that are part of a science major curriculum.
   3. Three (3) semester hours of college level mathematics at the algebra level or above.
3. The following courses although recommended are not required and will not exclude the student from consideration for acceptance into the program. Applicants may consider taking them in preparation for the CLS program.
   1. Parasitology
   2. Genetics
   3. Physiology
   4. Hematology
   5. Immunohematology
   6. Quantitative Analysis
   7. Analytical Chemistry
   8. Statistics
   9. Computer Science
   10. Management and Human Relations
   11. Instrumentation

*Courses highlighted yellow = Currently part of the Micro Curriculum (either required or optional)*
Transfer student applicants must:

1. Submit official transcripts from all colleges attended.
2. Complete a minimum of 60 semester hours of college credit, including a minimum of 12 semester hours of required natural science coursework to be considered for admission.
3. Complete, at the minimum, 84 semester hours of credit accepted by Allen College prior to matriculation at Allen College.
4. Have, at minimum, a cumulative 2.7 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in the following courses:
   - English Comp
   - Oral Communication
   - Sociology
   - Psychology
   - Anatomy & Physiology*
   - Chemistry*
   - Organic Chemistry*
   - Biology*
   - Microbiology*
   - College Math*

* Denotes courses that are considered in the grade point average of students holding a Baccalaureate degree at the time of review. All transferable courses must be completed with a grade of C- or above.
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Prerequisites for Admission

The student must have satisfactorily completed 90 semester or 135 quarter hours of college level courses required for admission to the School of Medical Laboratory Science, and all degree requirements at the college or university affiliate. The successful completion of the 32 semester or 48 quarter hours of courses in the program will qualify the student to receive the baccalaureate degree from the college or university affiliate.

The student already possessing a baccalaureate degree must meet the prerequisite requirements for admission.

The prerequisite courses must include earning a 'C' letter grade or better for completed courses prior to enrolling:

- A minimum of 16 semester or 24 quarter hours of chemistry, including general chemistry, organic chemistry, and general biochemistry, lecture and laboratory.
- A minimum of 16 semester or 24 quarter hours of biology, including general biology, microbiology, human anatomy/physiology and genetics/molecular biology, lecture and laboratory.
- Recommended courses include: parasitology, hematology, immunology, analytical/instrumental chemistry, ethics, and medical terminology.
- A minimum of one course in college level mathematics and/or statistics.
- The majority of the science courses should have been completed within the last five years.
- The applicant must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 in science courses and should have a total cumulative grade point of at least 2.5.