The role of the medical laboratory scientist in health care is the accurate and precise performance of laboratory procedures that aid in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease. Most medical laboratory scientists are employed by hospitals, clinics, reference laboratories and physician office laboratories. Some medical laboratory scientists are laboratory consultants; assist in research projects; are sales or technical representatives for laboratory and pharmaceutical companies; or work in food, beverage, or chemical plants. The Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Sciences is also excellent preparation for graduate education in the medical sciences.

Students may apply to the Medical Laboratory Sciences (MLS) Program after completing WSU general education requirements and program prerequisites, or during the semester in which they are completing WSU general education and program prerequisites. Many of these prerequisites may be completed at community or other educational institutions and transferred to WSU. Students who have earned a bachelor degree at a qualified college or university have already met general education requirements. After acceptance into the professional program, the student begins the intensive 17 month preparation for clinical practice. The first 12 months of the program are offered on the WSU campus, consisting of lecture and student lab instruction. During the last five months of the program, the student applies theory and skills in clinical practice at a medical facility. These courses prepare you for medical laboratory practices in clinical chemistry, hematology, immunohematology, parasitology, mycology, bacteriology and immunology. Clinical practice will be completed at one or more of affiliated medical facilities, located in Kansas and surrounding areas.

The WSU MLS Program also offers an abbreviated program to associate degree Medical Laboratory Technician graduates (MLT Applicants) who wish to continue their education toward a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Laboratory Sciences.

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The WSU Medical Laboratory Sciences Program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences. Graduates of the program receive a Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Sciences and are eligible to sit for national certification examinations.

**Admission**
Upon declaring Medical Laboratory Sciences as a major, a student will be assigned an academic advisor in the College of Health Professions who will assist in the development of a program of study for the completion of the degree. Please call (316) 978-3304 for an appointment.

The application for the Medical Laboratory Sciences Program is available online at the WSU website - wichita.edu/mls.

Criteria for acceptance are also listed on the web site. Completed applications must be submitted to the medical laboratory sciences department by the application deadline: April 1 for summer or fall semester entry into the professional phase or November 1 for spring semester entry.

**Contact Information**
For more information about the MLS program at WSU, call (316) 978-3304 or email mls@wichita.edu. You can also visit us online at wichita.edu/mls.

To schedule a campus visit or contact the Office of Admissions, go to wichita.edu/visit or call (316) 978-3085.
Students must meet all Wichita State University general education and graduation requirements per the university catalog for the baccalaureate degree.

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