



MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES

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THE UPDATE

Official Newsletter of the Undergraduate and Graduate Programs

Becky's Goodbye

December is a month to celebrate a great faculty member! Professor Rebecca (Becky) Buxton will be retiring at the end of this month.

Becky Buxton received her B.S from Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina in 1972. She received her M.S from the University of Washington, Seattle in 1992. She joined the University of Utah as an Assistant Professor (Clinical) in 1998, and was promoted to Associate Professor (Clinical) in 2004. In 2011, she was promoted to Professor (Lecturer).



Professor Buxton has had significant teaching and admin responsibilities during her tenure in the MLS program, and has directed several courses, mostly in the microbiology discipline. She has also worked with student Nurse Practitioners and clinicians in the community, teaching Laboratory Review and Case Presentations. She dedicated many hours to outreach and recruiting to promote the MLS program, and has fostered a wonderful relationship with laboratory professionals in Ghana.

A celebration reception will be held at the beginning of next year, we will be sending an invitation with more details.

We all extend our best wishes to Professor Buxton as she takes a long and much-deserved vacation.



Fall 2020 Admissions

Application materials for fall 2020 admissions to the MLS program are now available on the website.

Completed applications must be submitted online between January 1st and March 1st. Late applications may be considered depending on class size. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and a plan to complete all MLS pre-requisites prior to fall semester 2020 in order to be considered for admission.

For more information about pre-requisites and the application process visit our [website](#) or schedule an appointment with the [Pre-MLS Advisor Application](#).



Attention LEAP students: Introduction to Research Techniques and Laboratory Skills Class

Spring 2020 enrollment is here! And also our MD LB 2010 class! The purpose of this class is to provide qualitative research and to conduct literature searches, using advanced research tools and software, and analyzing qualitative data. We invite all Pre-MLS, MLS, Post-baccalaureate, and Graduate that are part of the LEAP program to enroll! If you have questions or would like to learn more about this class, contact the MLS offices via [email](#) or call 801-581-4516.

What a Successful MLS Social!

The Medical Laboratory Science Division hosted its first of many MLS events. A great afternoon where Pre-MLS, MLS, Post-baccalaureate, and Graduate students were able to meet each other, eat pizza, and relax in an stress-free atmosphere.

On behalf of the MLS faculty and staff we want to thank you for being part of this event, we hope to see you on our next MLS social! Stay tuned for upcoming events.



Student Resources

ASUU Student Child Care Program: Drop-in child care program: Call or email for more information! 801-585-7393 / ascuchildcare@sa.utah.edu

Get the most out of you U Card Benefits: Go to ucard.utah.edu

FEED U: Available to all U students. For more information go on their Facebook @FeedUFoodPantry account or [website](#)!

Upcoming Events

JAN: MLS Winter Social (date TBD)

JAN: Lab Tours (dates TBD)

Important Reminders

NOV 11 – DEC 13: Annual food drive, go to their website for more information!

NOV 25: Open enrollment

JAN 1: 2020-2021 MLS admissions

JAN 6, 2020: Deadline to apply for Graduate student scholarships (More information to follow).

JAN 6, 2020: Deadline to apply for Karen Hageman Brown scholarship

JAN 17: Last day to enroll in classes

Laboratory Tours Coming Up

Let's start the year with some great activities! MLS will set up a series of tours through different laboratories around the valley. Many of these laboratories are where MLS students will complete their clinical rotations during their second year.

The purpose of the tours is to show students examples of the fields they can work in and to expand their knowledge of clinical laboratories.

Are you interested on seeing the inside of a clinical laboratory? Wondering what different laboratory sections look like? You will potentially have the opportunity to shadow medical laboratory technologists through clinical chemistry, microbiology, parasitology, clinical immunology, molecular diagnostics, and many more! Follow us on social media to find out details, each tour will have limited capacity. Dates will be available soon!



Holiday Ornaments

Our MLS students and faculty gathered together to decorate laboratory-themed salt dough holiday ornaments.

This event has been a big success and well received therefore the MLS team has decided to make it an annual tradition.

Make sure you don't miss it next year!



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MLS Social Media

Because we want to stay connected with our students, MLS is now part of the social media world! Social media will help facilitate interaction with students and will present a great opportunity to advertise our programs and upcoming MLS events.

Check out our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts and follow us!



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All the world is a laboratory to the inquiring mind. -Martin H. Fischer