Late Applications

Fall 2021 Admissions

The Medical Laboratory Science program is accepting late applications for the 2021 fall admissions. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and a plan to complete all MLS pre-requisites prior to fall semester 2021 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. If you are a transfer student, make sure you also apply for admission to the University of Utah here. Our main office number is 801-581-7913.

March 1-14

The University of Utah is creating a 2 week pause for in-person school in order to help reduce the number of COVID-19 infections. We strongly suggest to do your part at home, focus on school work, and also participate in outdoor activities. Get outside to take advantage of what is left of winter, or enjoy as the weather changes to spring! There are many activities left to do from skiing or snowboarding to hiking and preparing to plant your garden.

Campus Recreation Services offers many rental options for...

Staff Spotlight!

In the upcoming publications of The Update we will highlight our faculty and staff working in the MLS teaching laboratory.

Melanie Ponce started her career working at a small clinic in a physician’s office building near LDS Hospital before working in the hospital’s lab in Chemistry and Hematology. She briefly worked at ARUP in the Biochemical Genetics department performing testing for children with metabolic amino acid deficiencies. Melanie also worked at Salt Lake Regional for 11 years as the Hematology Lead where she assisted with bone marrow collection and all of the challenging CBC differentials for leukemia patients, as well as working in Coagulation and Urinalysis.

Feeling the need for a bit of a change, she headed to Intermountain Life Sciences to work in Quality Assurance and then moved to Quality Control where she tested all of the facility qualifications, equipment, and products that got the business from startup to production. This brought her back to the University of Utah, which is where she graduated from! “It is a great experience working with students and faculty! Working here allows me to refresh my memory in many aspects of medical technology that I haven’t used in so long.” - Melanie Ponce

Melanie has a Green Conure named Locquito. He is almost 20 years old and brings a lot of joy to her life with his shenanigans. Locquito has a small vocabulary which includes “pretty, pretty,” “yummy,” “right now!” and “make a poopy.” She also has many hobbies! She has an Etsy shop where she sells hand beaded, crocheted flip flops and decorative burlap flowers - talents taught to her by her mom and grandma that are very special to her. She reads voraciously and listens to podcasts about sci-fi, murders, and the paranormal.

“Melanie has brought with her many years of experience in both the clinical laboratory and industry. We have benefitted from her wealth of knowledge about all things laboratory science, she has made significant suggestions about operations in our Teaching Laboratory that we have passed along to students to make their experience here more authentic. Melanie has particularly enjoyed interacting with students, as it brings back memories of her own time in the MLS Program here at the U. Melanie also is busy with activities outside of work that help her achieve a satisfying work-life balance. Ask her about her Bean!” - Kristina Pierce

We are happy to have you amongst us, Melanie!
Food Pantry @ EHSEB!
Did you know the Food Pantry has an extension at the HSEB lounge? It is available to all students.

Ucard is needed in order to get food at the Union location, but the pantry in the HSEB lounge is free to all with access to the room.
The HSEB lounge is located on the second floor of the building, across from the Alumni hall.

MLS Virtual Panel
The MLS Division is excited to host the first virtual panel of 2021! Medical Students will lead the panel called “Pathway to Medical School.”

Interested in learning about the medical school? Have questions about the application and preparation process? Wondering what path to follow after graduation? Join the virtual panel March 25th at 5PM. Register here!

Faculty Recruit
To meet the needs of program growth, the Medical Laboratory Science Division is delighted to announce a new faculty position has been opened. Applications for a 12-month, non-tenure track position are now being accepted. Primary responsibilities for this position will include teaching in clinical hematology, hemostasis, and phlebotomy courses in our NAACLS-accredited undergraduate program.
The successful candidate will participate in curriculum development, interact with clinical training sites, participate in outreach activities, and engage in research or other scholarly activities aligned with their interests and career goals. There is also opportunity for administrative responsibilities in the Medical Laboratory Science Division.

Applicants must be certified as a Medical Technologist or Medical Laboratory Scientist, possess a PhD or MS degree, and have a minimum of three years’ experience in clinical hematology or other directly related field. Preference will be given to applicants who have prior experience teaching in an MLS program, demonstrated scholarly productivity, and a record of active participation in professional societies. Excellent interpersonal, written and oral communication skills are required. Applicants can submit electronically to https://utah.peopleadmin.com/postings/111467

Please contact the Search Committee Chair, Takara Blamires with questions.

The University of Utah Health (U of U Health) is a patient-focused center distinguished by collaboration, excellence, leadership, and respect. The U of U Health values candidates who are committed to fostering and furthering the culture of compassion, collaboration, innovation, accountability, diversity, integrity, quality, and trust that is integral to our mission.

MLSPC
The MLSPC is excited to announce a virtual game night for our next event! We will be socializing, playing Jackbox Games together from the comfort of our own homes, and eating our favorite snacks.

If you would like to join us on Monday, April 5th from 6:00-7:30pm, please RSVP here!

As always, we’d love to have you! If you are interested in joining the MLSPC you can apply online here!

**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**
MAR 25: MLS Panel
APR 5: MLSPC Virtual Game Night
APRIL 19-23: Lab Week Celebration
APRIL 23: Spring M&E

**Important Reminders**
MAR: Late applications need to be submitted for the MLS Program
MAR 14: Spring Forward
APR 1: Deadline to apply for ASCLS and Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity Scholarship

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Appreciation can make a day, even change a life. Your willingness to put it into words is all that is necessary. - Margaret Cousins