General Information

Program Director: Sharon McGoldrick
Training Period: Aug to Aug or February to February
Deadline to Apply: January 1, September 1
Stipend: No UCDMC stipend offered
Fee/Cost: No tuition
Class Size: Up to 14
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Affiliated Hospitals

- Sutter Memorial Hospital, Sacramento
- Memorial Medical Center, Modesto
- Marshall Medical Center, Placerville

Application Procedures

1. Access the on-line application:
   http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/pathology/education/cls_training_program/
2. Submit the following:
   - A completed application including the personal statement
   - Three recommendation letters (submitted by applicant recommenders, directly to the application portal)
2. Transcripts are NOT needed for initial program application. If the applicant is invited for an interview, they will be notified where to send transcripts to the program office. All self-reported GPAs must be verified through the applicant’s official transcripts prior to acceptance.

Process for Securing a CLS License

1. Complete a baccalaureate degree ensuring the state required courses for the CLS Training License are met
2. Apply for a CA CDPH issued CLS Training License
3. Apply and be accepted into a state approved CLS training program
4. Complete a 52-week CLS Training Program
5. Successfully pass the ASCP BOC exam
6. Apply and be issued your CA CLS license

Accreditation

This training program is approved by the California Department of Public Health Services and is accredited through the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS).

NAACLS
5600 N. River Rd. Suite 720
Rosemont, IL 60018-5119
Phone No.847-939-3597 or 773-714-8880
https://www.naacls.org/about.aspx

California Trainee License

Department of Health Services
Laboratory Field Services, State of California
850 Marina Bay Parkway
Richmond, CA 94804-6403
Website: cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OSPHLD/LFS/Pages/CLS-Trainee.aspx
Email: LFSscientist@cdph.ca.gov

Non-US Transcript Evaluation

All non-U.S. transcripts must be evaluated by "Current Members" of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) or "Endorsed Members" of the Association of International Credential Evaluators, Inc. (AICE). The evaluation service will send an evaluation of your educational institution and academic courses directly to LFS. To obtain an application, instructions, and information, visit them on the web at National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) or Association of International Credential Evaluators, Inc. (AICE)
Program Description
Students entering this program must have a posted baccalaureate degree and will continue their education for twelve months with the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. The program teaching coordinators plan, oversee, and document the students’ education. Students rotate through each section of the clinical laboratory, performing routine and specialized test procedures. Formal didactic lectures include hematology, immuno-hematology, clinical biochemistry, microbiology, safety, management, educational methodology, serology, coagulation, quality assurance and quality improvement, and other specialized areas. Lectures and clinical laboratory rotation encompass 40 hours per week for a twelve-month period beginning in March and September each year. Students are prepared with theoretical and practical skills to enter the field. Graduates of the program are awarded a certificate of completion (certificate is not contingent upon passing the certifying exam) and are eligible for the national certifying examination (ASCP).

Admission Requirements
Students must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university or college with both a Cumulative and Science GPA of 3.0 or above. The minimum coursework requirements include:

**Chemistry:** 16 semester hours or equivalent quarter hours including instruction in analytical chemistry or clinical chemistry and biochemistry.

**Biological Sciences:** 18 semester hours or equivalent quarter hours including instruction in immunology, hematology, and medical microbiology. These three courses must be completed with a B grade or higher for the UCDH CLS Training Program.

**Physics:** Three semester hours or equivalent quarter hours including light and electricity.

**Math:** College algebra or higher.

Required biology courses for the CLS Training License must be completed with a B grade or higher.

Course work in biochemistry, hematology, and medical microbiology must be completed within five years of first-time application.