

# George Washington University Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences in Medical Laboratory Sciences (MLT-MLS Fully Online) based on Associate of Science in Health Sciences degree

TRANSFER GUIDE  
Catalog Years: 2025-2026

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS					Complete at George Washington University		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT	SATISFIED BY				BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	Gen ED*	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
VCCS requirement - not eligible for transfer	1-2		SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation		MLS 2007W Microbes & Society	3	Required Writing in the Discipline
English Composition 1	3	PUA	ENG 111 College Comp I	AP not accepted for English Requirement	MLS 3000 Clinical Laboratory Mathematics	3	
English Composition 2	3	UA	ENG 112 College Comp II or 113 Tech-Prof Writing	AP not accepted for English Requirement	MLS 3001W Professional Ethics in MLS	3	Required Writing in the Discipline
General Humanities Education	3	PUA	Any UCGS Art or Humanities course	These two courses must come from two different disciplines.  AP 4 or higher accepted	MLS 4116 Clinical Bacteriology I	3	
Gen Ed Requirement	3	UA	Any UCGS Art, Humanities, or Literature course		MLS 4117 Clinical Bacteriology II	2	
Gen History Education	3	PUA	Any UCGS History course	AP 4 or higher accepted	MLS 4119 Parasitology, Mycology, & Virology	2	
General Social Sciences Education	3	PUA	Any UCGS Social or Behavioral Science course	Cannot be a History course.	MLS 4130 Hematology I	3	
General Biology Education	8	PUA	BIO 101 General Biology I, BIO 102 General Biology II	Must include in-person lab, AP 4 or higher accepted.	MLS 4131 Hematology II	3	
Math	3	PUA	MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning or higher		MLS 4136 Clinical Experience I	2	Completed in final semester

Gen Ed: Speech Communications	3	UA	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking or CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication		MLS 4137 Clinical Experience II	2	Completed in final semester
General Microbiology	4	UA	Recommend BIO 150 Microbiology for Health Science or 205 General Microbiology or higher	Must include in-person lab	MLS 4138 Clinical Experience III	2	Completed in final semester
General Chemistry Education	8	PUA	CHM 111 General Chemistry I and CHM 112 General Chemistry II	Must include in-person lab, AP 4 or higher accepted	MLS 4139 Clinical Experience IV	2	Completed in final semester
Elective Credit Requirement	6		Health transfer electives	HLT courses that are academic in nature. This excludes courses such as CPR, first aid, or orientation-type classes.	MLS 4141 Immunology and Serology	3	
General Social Sciences Education	3		Any UCGS Social or Behavioral Science course	AP 4 or higher accepted	MLS 4145 Clinical Biochemistry I	3	
Elective Transfer Credits	3		Additional transfer electives		MLS 4146 Clinical Biochemistry II	3	
Additional Scientific Reasoning Requirement	3		CHM 241 Organic Chemistry 1 or CHM 260 Introductory Biochemistry or higher	May be completed at GW	MLS 4150 Immunohematology	3	
Transfer Credits			Additional transfer electives, if needed to meet 60 credits		MLS 4151 Molecular Diagnostics	3	
					MLS 4158 Laboratory Management	3	
					MLS 4159 Capstone Seminar	1	
					Electives	11	
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60 - 62					CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60		
* <b>A</b> = Completion of the Associate Degree satisfies this General Education Requirement. <b>U</b> = This course satisfies a Uniform Certificate of General Studies requirement. <b>P</b> = This course satisfies a Passport requirement.							

## TRANSFER GUIDANCE

### Guaranteed Admission Agreement: GW GAA

By meeting the following criteria, you are guaranteed admission to the GW MLS Program.

- Earn a transfer associate degree or Uniform Certificate of General Studies.
- Earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 and science GPA 2.5 for your associate degree.
- Earn minimum grades of "C" in all transferable courses in order for the credits to transfer.
- Application fee and Letter of Recommendation waived.
- Earn grades of "C" or higher in all community college courses.

Please create an account through the [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org) portal to indicate your intent to use this guarantee for admission to GW MLS Program.

### IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **Biomedical Laboratory Sciences department:** <https://bls.smhs.gwu.edu/>
- **Medical Laboratory Sciences program:** <https://healthsciencesprograms.gwu.edu/programs/bshs-medical-laboratory-sciences>
- **Admission Application:** View deadlines at <https://healthsciencesprograms.gwu.edu/programs/bshs-medical-laboratory-sciences> and apply at [https://gw.my.site.com/gwapp/TX\\_SiteLogin?startURL=%2Fgwapp%2FTargetX\\_Base\\_Portal](https://gw.my.site.com/gwapp/TX_SiteLogin?startURL=%2Fgwapp%2FTargetX_Base_Portal)  
Applications are accepted three times a year in Spring, Summer, and Fall. Please refer to our website for specific application deadlines.
- **Request information from GW BLS admission:** <https://healthsciencesprograms.gwu.edu/programs/bshs-medical-laboratory-sciences>
- **Financial Aid:** <https://financialaid.gwu.edu/>
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)

### WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Students will work with a dedicated GW advisor regarding course selections
- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered, complete your first math and English courses in your first year. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and GW within your first year. College Connect available in your account at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

### IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Available for those certified as Medical Laboratory Technicians (MLTs) through ASCP, AMT or AAB or if you have completed an accredited MLT program within the last 6 months
- Flexible and asynchronous courses with 100% online coursework
- Program includes a 16-week practicum in your local area
- Eligible to become certified as an MLS upon successful completion of the program and ASCP Board of Certification exam

### WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- Students are eligible to transfer in up to 60 credits of transferable coursework from their Associate degree
- Transfer credit may include dual enrollment coursework. It may also be considered from Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate Credit (IB) credit as well as the College Level Examination Program (CLEP exams)
- Please refer to GW [Undergraduate Admissions](#) for information on maximum credits, minimum scores, and GW course equivalents for AP and IB credits

### IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Easily transfer current college credits, including DE, AP and IB credits
- Personalized and high-touch advising
- Pre-Health Science Professions Advising available
- Discounted tuition rates for the health sciences programs
- Scholarship applications available
- Fully accredited by the [Middle States Commission on Higher Education](#) (MSCHE). Listed as #62 Best National University, #15 Best Online Bachelor's Programs, #8 for Best Online Programs for Veterans by U.S. News & World Report's 2022 Rankings

### DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Available fully online for MLT-certified professionals
- Applicants with clinical laboratory experience may be eligible to waive individual clinical practicum requirements
- Completing your Associate transfer degree post-high school satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the chance of completing your bachelor's degree?
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college means you may have exhausted your financial aid at that college and have limited your future financial aid at George Washington University

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- Students can explore roles in laboratory and non-laboratory professions such as hospital or research labs, blood banks, medical sales, and government regulatory agencies
- Other examples of career opportunities include biotech and pharmaceutical, technical service, veterinary labs, health departments, and crime labs

### PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- GW grads have a 93.03% overall five-year pass rate for the ASCP MLS board of certification exam vs. 78.60% for the national average
- 99.72% of students who enter Phase II of the MLS program graduate

- Greater than 95% of graduates are employed in the field within three months of program completion

#### WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- Students that meet the admission requirements have a high chance of being accepted

#### DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- Students can pursue higher degrees such as medicine, physical assistant, nursing, or PhD programs

#### OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

- Students outside of a 25-mile radius from the DC metro area are required to secure their own clinical site as part of the admissions process
- Students are required to complete a semester of clinical rotations in their local area
- Grades of C or higher are required in all major MLS courses