

MLS/CLS State Licensure Information

Students planning to pursue a degree in Medical Laboratory Science and who wish to be employed as a Medical Laboratory Scientist (MLS) after completion of the B.S. or M.S. Medical Laboratory Science degree programs at the University of Delaware should be aware that the degree is NOT, by itself, sufficient to be employed in this profession in all locations. Students planning for employment outside of the United States of America are advised to research the education and certification requirements in their desired country of employment.

Students planning to pursue employment as an MLS within the United States of America should research the requirements in their desired state for future employment. Delaware does not currently have state licensure enacted for Medical Laboratory Scientists, but all MLS students are strongly encouraged to successfully complete the Board of Certification MLS examination administered by the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP BOC) to obtain certification as a Medical Laboratory Scientist. This credential is typically required by all states that require state licensure to work as a Medical Laboratory Scientist, however some states have additional clinical and/or academic requirements not required to complete the B.S. and/or M.S. degrees in Medical Laboratory Science at the University of Delaware. The B.S. and M.S. in Medical Laboratory Science Programs at the University of Delaware meet all requirements for our accrediting body, the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) as well as the eligibility requirements to sit for the ASCP BOC MLS Examination.

Below is a good faith effort to educate current and prospective students about the licensure requirements where applicable in the other 49 states in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. It is not uncommon for these requirements to change on a regular basis, so students are strongly encouraged to research this information regularly to be adequately prepared to seek licensure if desired upon graduation. The University of Delaware MLS Program does not guarantee that any particular licensure or certification entity will approve or deny a student's application. The University of Delaware MLS Program supports students seeking advisement regarding clinical and/or academic requirements to meet a licensure or certification requirement while the student is enrolled in the MLS Program whenever possible, as well as offering assistance with documentation to facilitate a successful application.

State	Link by State	Does this program meet the requirements?
Alabama	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Alaska	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Arizona	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Arkansas	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes

California	MLS licensing	NO*
Colorado	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Connecticut	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Delaware	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Florida	MLS licensing	Yes
Georgia	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Hawaii	MLS licensing	Yes
Idaho	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Illinois	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Indiana	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Iowa	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Kansas	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Kentucky	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Louisiana	MLS licensing	Yes
Maine	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Maryland	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Massachusetts	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Michigan	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Minnesota	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Mississippi	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Missouri	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Montana	MLS licensing	Yes
Nebraska	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Nevada	MLS licensing	Yes
New Hampshire	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
New Jersey	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
New Mexico	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
New York	MLS licensing	Yes
North Carolina	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
North Dakota	MLS licensing	Yes
Ohio	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Oklahoma	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Oregon	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Pennsylvania	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Rhode Island	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
South Carolina	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
South Dakota	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Tennessee	MLS licensing	Yes
Texas	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Utah	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Vermont	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes

Virginia	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Washington	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
West Virginia	MLS licensing	Yes
Wisconsin	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Wyoming	N/A, state does not require licensure	Yes
Puerto Rico	MLS licensing	NO*
*There are additional requirements for California and Puerto Rico licensure beyond what UD requires, so students should be especially proactive in planning how to meet requirements if they desire to work there.		