

- What is the difference between the on-campus MLS program and the online MLT to MLS program?
 - The biggest difference is that the online MLT to MLS program is for those who hold MLT certification from a NAACLS accredited program. The rest of the application requirements can be found at <https://www.umassd.edu/programs/medical-laboratory-science-online/> The on-campus program is an integrated university-based four-year curriculum designed for more traditional face-to-face delivery.

- Is this program accredited?
 - Yes, the UMass Dartmouth MLS program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS).

- Can I work while completing this program?
 - Yes, the program is intended for working professionals.

- What are the requirements for acceptance into the online MLT to MLS program?
 - The requirements for acceptance are listed on the information webpage, which can be found at <https://www.umassd.edu/programs/medical-laboratory-science-online/>

- What are tuition costs? Is financial aid available?
 - Current tuition and fees can be found at <https://www.umassd.edu/online/tuition-and-fees/>. Financial aid is available for those who qualify. More information can be found at <https://www.umassd.edu/online/tuition-and-fees/financial-aid/>

- How long will it take me to complete the program?
 - The program will take twenty-four continuous months to complete (including summers).

- Can I fax or email you my transcripts and have you tell me what will transfer and what courses I will still need to complete?
 - Once official transcripts are submitted and the application is complete, each individual transcript will be analyzed to determine how courses will transfer.

- How do I apply to the program?
 - You can apply online at <https://www.umassd.edu/programs/medical-laboratory-science-online/>

- When are the program start dates?
 - The program begins in the middle of January with the spring semester of each year.

- When will I know if I have been accepted into the program?
 - Review of applications will begin on October 15th. Notification will be sent as soon as a decision is made.

- Can I begin taking courses before I've been accepted into the program?
 - Our MLS courses cannot be taken prior to acceptance into the program. Other university required courses may be taken prior to acceptance into the program.

- Will I need to visit the campus for any part of your online program?
 - No, there is no requirement for a student to come to campus, though you are welcome to schedule an appointment to visit.

- Is there an orientation before class?
 - Yes an orientation will be held a few weeks prior to the beginning of the first spring semester.

- Once accepted into the program, how are the classes taught?
 - All of the didactic classwork is found online through Blackboard's mycourses. Students are granted access to each course at the beginning of the semester that the course will be running.

- Do I need to log in at a certain day or time to take classes?
 - Your classes will run asynchronously (not at certain times), with rare synchronous (at a certain time) exceptions where dates will be provided to you with advanced notice.

- Am I eligible to sit for the MLS ASCP certification exam?
 - Yes, after completion of the program.

- Will my degree say Medical Laboratory Science Online?
 - The degree will say "Bachelor Science Medical Laboratory Science – Clinical".