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DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

Statement of Support

University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
Online MLT to MLS Program

Prospective Online Student: _____

Facility Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

The individual listed above has expressed an interest in participating in the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, online BS degree completion in Medical Laboratory Science (MLS). This program track, which is accredited by NAACLS, provides the applicant with the opportunity to advance her/his educational status and obtain national certification as a Medical Laboratory Scientist.

The University of Massachusetts, Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) BS degree completion track is a blended plan of study with didactic courses delivered online utilizing the learning management system (LMS). Access to the LMS is available at all times outside of routinely schedule maintenance times. The coursework provides the same rigor as the traditional on campus courses.

The clinical practicum course work requirements are scheduled in the last year of study and must be completed at the applicant's place of employment or an approved clinical site. Therefore, the applicant's laboratory facility director or manager must commit to provide and ensure supervision of the clinical practicum portion of the course/degree requirements. The supervision by a mentor or facilitator is required. This individual should be available to answer questions, provide assistance, and evaluate entry-level outcomes. Multiple mentors may be utilized dependent upon the organization of the facility. The time involved for mentors will vary depending on the skills of the applicant. *Please identify a primary mentor and have that individual complete the Clinical Facility Fact Sheet.*

This commitment also serves as an endorsement that the applicant is appropriately qualified for the degree offering. The Statement of Support and the Clinical Facility Fact Sheet, which indicate understanding of the responsibilities, must be completed, signed, and return as soon as possible so the individual's application can be reviewed.

The student will be given a list of clinical competencies that must be met to successfully complete the clinical practicum course. The student and a clinical facility employee should discuss scheduling times for the student to complete the required learning outcomes.

Please indicate on-site departments: (all departments do not need to be present; however, the student is responsible for finding a site to sponsor her/him if the mentor feels the student needs advanced hands-on experience.) If additional sites are required, each site must complete a statement of support to be included with the student's application.

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| Hematology | | Chemistry | |
| Microbiology | | Blood Banking | |
| Other/Specify | | UA/Serology | |

Of Note: A clinical affiliation agreement must be on file with the University and facility before the student begins clinical practicum courses.

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| Laboratory Manager | |
| E-Mail | |
| Phone | |
| Facility Name | |
| Address | |
| City/State/Zip Code | |
| Laboratory Accreditation | CAP, JCAHO, COLA, CLIA, Other (Please Specify) |

Laboratory Director/Manager Signature

Date