



# DISCLOSURE REGARDING PROGRAM PREPARATION FOR PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION

<b>COLLEGE</b>	<b>College of Medicine</b>
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Medical Laboratory Sciences, BS</b>

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing clear and accurate information to current and prospective students to help inform career planning. The UCF program identified above prepares students to practice in a field with professional licensure or certification available. However, specific licensure and certification requirements can and often do vary by state<sup>1</sup>. Requirements typically include earning a degree or other educational credential in the field from an institution and program that meet certain eligibility requirements in that state (e.g., curricular requirements, accredited status, approval by the state licensing board); passing a state or national exam; working in the field for a minimum period of time; and/or completing a certain number of clinical hours. If your career plans include pursuing professional licensure or certification in your chosen field, it is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements of the state in which you hope to practice.

## UCF Program Preparation in the State of Florida

The above-named UCF program meets the educational requirements to sit for the Medical Laboratory Scientist (MLS) examination through the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Board of Certification. Graduates who successfully pass the national certification exam are eligible to receive a license to practice as a medical laboratory scientist within the State of Florida. Graduation is not contingent upon taking or passing a national certification exam or obtaining a Florida license as a medical laboratory scientist. Additional information about obtaining licensure can be found here<sup>2</sup>:

<https://floridasclinicallabs.gov/licensing/>

## UCF Program Preparation in Other U.S. States

As a member of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA), UCF is authorized to offer educational programs in all states (except California), the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The state of California is not currently a member of NC-SARA, but UCF is authorized to offer educational programming there as well.

We are currently unable to determine whether or not the above-named program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply for licensure or certification in any additional states.

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<sup>1</sup> Following 34 CFR 600.2, a state is defined as a State of the Union, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.

<sup>2</sup> As required by 38 USC 3679(f)(1)(A)(ix)

If you have an interest in pursuing licensure or certification outside the state of Florida, we advise you to determine whether or not this program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply in that location. State licensing board contact information for this field can be found here: <https://apq.ucf.edu/document/statelicensingboards-clinicalpathology>. You are also welcome to reach out to the UCF program contact identified below with questions in this regard, and we will do our best to assist you in your career planning.

### **Additional Information**

A list of other states in which licenses are required to work can be found here: <https://www.ascls.org/advocacy-issues/licensure>.

Obtaining a license in New York State or California may require additional course work/clinical experiences.

The program is nationally accredited by the NAACLS (National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences) and is licensed by the Florida Department of Health Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel as a training program.

### **UCF Program Preparation Outside the United States**

This disclosure does not address program eligibility in countries outside the United States. We are unable to determine whether or not the above-named degree program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply for licensure or certification outside the United States. Again, it is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements in the location in which you hope to practice.

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