DISCLOSURE REGARDING PROGRAM PREPARATION FOR PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION

COLLEGE	**College of Medicine**
PROGRAM	**Medical Laboratory Sciences BS**

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 for state-regulated professional licensure or certification. However, specific licensure and certification requirements may vary by state or territory. Requirements typically include earning a degree or other educational credential from an institution and program that meet certain requirements in that state (e.g., specific coursework, accredited status), passing a state or national exam, and/or working in the field for a period of time or completing a certain number of clinical hours. If your career plans include pursuing professional licensure or certification, it is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements of the state in which you intend to practice.

Effective July 1, 2024, federal regulation requires the university to meet all educational requirements for state-regulated licensure or certification in every U.S. state and territory where its eligible programs are offered. This disclosure is intended to provide you with information regarding the educational preparation you will receive in your chosen program of study.[1]

UCF Program Preparation in the State of Florida

The Medical Laboratory Sciences (BS) program is designed for in-person course delivery. Although some limited online options may be available, students must take a preponderance of their coursework in the major in person within the state of Florida.

This 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. For information on all requirements for this credential,[2] please review the Florida Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel licensure requirements available here: https://floridasclinicallabs.gov/licensing/.

UCF Program Preparation in Other U.S. States and Territories[3]

We have not determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply for licensure or certification in any state other than Florida.

If you are interested in seeking licensure or certification outside the state of Florida, we encourage you to review the appropriate state licensing board information to determine all requirements needed to obtain your credential of interest. 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.

Enrollment Eligibility Restrictions[4]

To comply with federal enrollment restrictions, UCF may only enroll students physically located in the states and territories where it meets all educational requirements for the credential it prepares students to achieve. Accordingly, we are generally unable to enroll students physically located outside Florida during their first term of enrollment in the major unless they intend to pursue licensure in a state or territory where UCF does meet educational eligibility requirements and submit a written attestation to this effect. Otherwise, students physically located in an ineligible state during their first term of enrollment must select a major that is free from out-of-state enrollment restrictions. Please reach out to the program contact listed below for additional guidance in this regard.

Programmatic Accreditation[5]

This program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) and is licensed by the Florida Department of Health Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel as a training program. Recognition by NAACLS is specific to the program and is distinct from UCF's institutional accreditation that is required for other purposes, including UCF's authorization to award federal financial aid to students.

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 California or New York may require additional coursework and/or clinical experience.

UCF Program Preparation Outside the United States

This disclosure does not address program eligibility in countries outside the United States. We have not determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply for licensure or certification outside the United States. It is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements in the location in which you intend to practice.

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[1] As required by UCF's participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA) and the regulations set forth in 34 CFR 668.43(a)(5)(v) and 34 CFR 668.43(c)(1).
[2] As required by 38 CFR 21.4259(e).
[3] 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.
[4] To comply with 34 CFR 668.14(b)(32).
[5] To comply with 34 CFR 668.14(b)(32).