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The UW-C MLS program is currently seeking accreditation by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS). Accreditation is a process of external peer review in which an agency grants public recognition to a program of study or an institution that meets established qualifications and educational standards. Participation in the accreditation process is voluntary since there is not a legal requirement for specialized programs and institutions to participate. However, when students complete a NAACLS accredited program they become eligible to sit for national certification examinations for the profession.

The National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) is a nonprofit organization that independently accredits medical technologist (MLS), clinical laboratory technician/medical laboratory technician (CLT/MLT), histotechnologist (HTL), histologic technician (HT), pathologists' assistant (Path Asst), diagnostic molecular scientist (DMS) and cytogenetic technology (CT), Phlebotomist (PBT), and clinical assistant (CA) educational programs.

Contact information:

National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences
5600 North River Road, Suite 720
Rosemont, IL 60018-5119
<http://www.naacls.org>

Professional Societies

The following is a list of professional organizations within the field of medical laboratory science. These organizations are made up of professional members, and provide leadership, promote the profession, practice and advancement of the field of medical laboratory science.

Contact information:

American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science
2025 M Street NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20036
202.367.11743
<http://www.ascls.org>

American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP)
2100 West Harrison Street
Chicago IL 60612
312.738.1336
<http://www.ascp.org>

American Association for Clinical Chemistry (AACC)
1850 K Street, NW Suite 625
Washington, DC 20006-2213
1.202.857.0717
<https://www.aacc.org/>

American Association of Blood Banks (AABB)
8101 Glenbrook Road
Bethesda, MD 20814-2749
1.301.907.6977
<http://www.aabb.org>

American Society for Microbiology (ASM)
1752 N Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036-2904
(202) 737-3600
<http://www.asm.org>

American Society of Hematology
2021 L Street NW, Suite 900
Washington, DC 20036
(202)-776-0544
<http://www.hematology.org/>