

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

Applicants with a foreign baccalaureate degree must take at least 12 semester hours at an accredited U.S. baccalaureate academic institution. The Dean of Student Services and the Program Director will determine appropriate courses. All foreign transcripts must be evaluated by a recognized evaluation agency which will verify the U.S. baccalaureate degree equivalency. Check www.ASCP.org for other agencies. Some recommended agencies:

- **International Education Evaluation, Inc.**
7900 Matthews-Mint Hill Road
Suite 300
Charlotte NC 28227
704-772-0109
- **International Education Research Foundation, Inc.**
P.O. Box 66940
Los Angeles, CA 90066
310-390-6276
- **World Education Services, Inc.**
P.O. Box 745
Old Chelsea Station
New York, NY 10013-0745
212-966-6311

Applicants for whom English is a second language must submit a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 213 or above (computer), 83 or above (iBT: internet based), or 550 or above (written exam). The College reserves the right to require the specified TOEFL score of any candidate when language proficiency is an issue unless waived by the Dean of Student Services or the Program Director. Test scores must be submitted by the specified admission deadlines.

NAACLS

The Carolinas College of Health Sciences Medical Laboratory Science program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)
5600 N. River Rd., Suite 720
Rosemont, IL 60018-5119
773-714-8880

CURRICULUM

The curriculum includes clinical chemistry, hematology, coagulation, clinical microscopy, immunohematology, clinical immunology, molecular pathology, clinical microbiology, phlebotomy, management, education, and professional development. All course work is of an applied nature and is not intended for upper division transfer credit. Clinical education takes place primarily in the laboratory of Carolinas Medical Center, an 800-bed medical center which is the flagship of The Carolinas HealthCare System. This progressive facility functions as a trauma, transplant and major cardiac surgery center and has been ranked among the top hospitals in the nation, according to *U.S. News and World Report*. Clinical experience is interwoven with classroom instruction to reinforce theoretical concepts. Clinical and classroom experiences are scheduled Monday through Friday from 7:00 am. to 3:30 p.m.

TUITION & FEES

Tuition: \$6,800

Application Fee: \$50

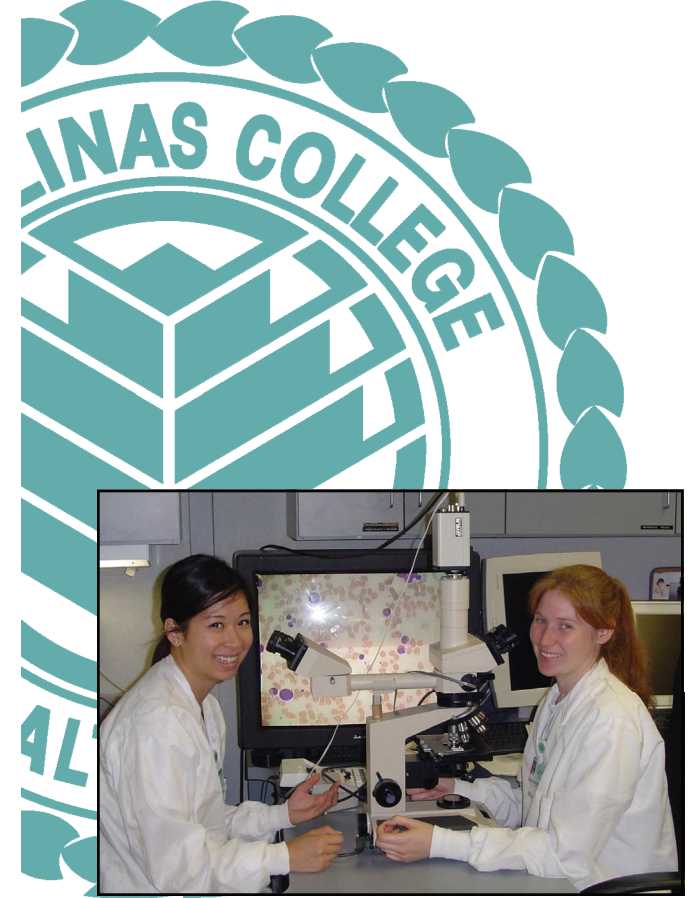
College Fees (approximate) \$540
(Technology/Activity/Graduation/etc)

Texts/Supplies/Uniforms (approximate) \$700
Scrub-based college uniform required.

* Tuition and fees subject to change

FINANCIAL AID

Cost should not be an obstacle to any applicant. All students are eligible for the CHS loan forgiveness program, a low-interest loan covering 80% of tuition and fees (up to \$5000), which is forgiven if the graduate works for an approved CHS facility. A Financial Aid Coordinator is available to assist with state and federal loans, which are available to eligible students.



CONTINUING YOUR FUTURE IN HEALTHCARE

SCHOOL OF CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE PROGRAM

CAROLINAS COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
1200 BLYTHE BLVD.
CHARLOTTE, NC 28203
PHONE: 704-355-5043
WWW.CAROLINASCOLLEGE.EDU

CAROLINAS COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Carolinas College of Health Science is committed to educating health care providers who have a foundation that supports communication, analytical reasoning abilities, and a holistic approach to the individual. We are also committed to providing our students with services and resources for success in a lifelong learning process. We believe in combining caring, compassion, knowledge, and skills with advances in technology to educate students. Our curricula are designed to develop critical thinking skills by integrating theoretical concepts with clinical experience.

MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE PROGRAM

Medical Laboratory Scientists analyze human blood, tissues, and body fluids or supervise the performance of medical laboratory tests using a wide variety of instruments, microscopes, computers, chemicals, or other methods of clinical analysis. They perform laboratory tests necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of diseases. Medical Laboratory Scientists may work in several different areas of the clinical laboratory including clinical chemistry, hematology, immunology, immunohematology (blood banking), microbiology, molecular biology, urinalysis, toxicology, and management. The majority of Medical Laboratory Scientists work in hospital laboratories, while others are employed by private physicians, public health agencies, independent laboratories, biotechnology companies, or industrial medical research laboratories.

Average Starting Salary is \$42,000. For more information about the program's graduation rates, the median debt of students who complete the program and other important information, please visit our website at www.carolinascollege.edu/Prospective_Students/disclosure.cfm

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Carolinas College of Health Sciences Medical Laboratory Science Program is a full time, 12-month certificate program for students who have a four-year bachelor's degree, preferably in a science. The program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences. Graduates of the Medical Laboratory Science Program are prepared to function as entry-level Medical Laboratory Scientists and are eligible to take the Board of Certification examination. The program is limited to 12 students a year (8 in August and 4 in January).

REQUIRED APPLICATION COMPONENTS

Admission to the Medical Laboratory Science program is competitive. The following are the required components for applicants to be considered for conditional admission:

- Complete application and application fee. August class application deadline is the last Friday of November. January class application deadline is the second Friday in June. First preference will be given to applications received by the appropriate deadline. Applications received after the deadline will be considered on a space available basis.
- Must have an earned bachelor's degree, preferably in a biology or chemistry, before the program begins.
- Cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.5 or above.
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended.
- Three references using the Carolinas College Reference Forms. References must be from college instructors, college advisors or employers. References must be from a person who resided in the United States.

Admission preference may be given to applicants from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area and the surrounding counties.

PREREQUISITE COURSES

Official college transcripts must demonstrate completion (by program start date) of the following prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or better.

Biology: 16 semester credit hours required to include microbiology, microbiology lab, and immunology. Genetics, molecular biology, anatomy and physiology are highly recommended.

Chemistry: A minimum of 12 semester credit hours required to include organic chemistry or biochemistry. Quantitative and qualitative analysis are recommended.

Mathematics: 3 semester credit hours in statistics (as a separate course or within another math course.). Physics is recommended.

Note: Courses in microbiology, immunology, and organic chemistry (or biochemistry) must be updated if not completed within the last five years.

To expedite the application process, send in a one packet containing a completed application, application fee, three completed Carolinas College reference forms in sealed envelopes, and all official college transcripts.

ON CAMPUS INTERVIEWS

After the completed application, transcripts, and references are received, an on-campus interview for qualified students will be scheduled with the program director and faculty. During that time, a tour of the college facilities and laboratory at Carolinas Medical Center will be provided. A manual dexterity test will be administered and to be successful, the applicant must complete the test in 60 seconds or less. Applicants will be allowed to take the manual dexterity test once per application cycle. If unsuccessful on the second attempt, the applicant will not be eligible to reapply to the program.