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ASCP BOARD OF CERTIFICATION GUIDELINES FOR STRUCTURED PROGRAMS

Structured programs must be conducted under the auspices of a NAACLS accredited Medical Laboratory Science program. A structured program must prepare an individual with the scope and breadth of knowledge and skills as the Medical Laboratory Scientist generalist graduate in the respective laboratory specialty area. The faculty should review the entire MLS curriculum to identify courses and activities to be included in the curriculum for a structured program. The program should include selected lectures and/or clinical experiences from relevant courses in the MLS program in addition to those clearly designated courses in the specialty area. The student's participation should be evaluated and documented by the awarding of formal grades and/or academic credit as appropriate to the institution.

The program officials are responsible for verifying that all academic **AND** structured program requirements are met by completing and signing the structured program evaluation form. If the student fails to complete all academic requirements and/or a baccalaureate degree, the program official is required to immediately notify the Board of Certification office in writing so that the student's name may be removed from the list of eligible examinees. Likewise, if the student fails to complete the structured program, the program official should immediately notify the Board of Certification by email.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS - All academic prerequisites stated in the examination eligibility requirements must be fulfilled prior to sitting for the certification examination. All academic credits must be verified on an official transcript from a regionally accredited college/university in the United States. If education is completed outside of the U.S., a transcript evaluation from an [acceptable evaluation agency for foreign transcripts](#) is required.

CURRICULUM - The structured program curriculum must include the curriculum for the specific laboratory area (e.g. chemistry, microbiology, etc.) in the Medical Laboratory Science program and other courses or parts of courses including general laboratory introduction and laboratory operations (i.e. laboratory safety, quality control/quality assurance, laboratory management, education, research & development, and instrument maintenance & troubleshooting as appropriate to the specific laboratory area.)