Applied Science (Medical Laboratory Science), BAS

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From 2016 to 2018, this program has achieved a 98 percent graduation rate, a 92 percent job placement rate and a 78 percent pass rate on national certification examinations.

Program Description

The BAS in medical laboratory sciences is designed to provide the academic knowledge and professional skills that allow students to advance their employment opportunities within the fields of medical technology, cytology, clinical laboratory science and related areas.

Medical laboratory scientists, also known as clinical laboratory scientists, are highly skilled professionals who perform analytical tests on blood, tissue and body fluids to provide laboratory information for the detection, diagnosis and treatment of human diseases. There also is a growing trend for medical laboratory scientists to perform wellness laboratory testing aimed at preventing disease. These professionals work independently using skills and knowledge that are greater in depth and breadth compared to those of medical laboratory technicians, who typically are graduates of a two-year or community college program.

The program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science, 5600 N. River Rd, Suite 720, Rosemont, IL, 60018, https://www.naacs.org/.

Additional program information including the program handbook and course guide can be found on the program website at https://chs.asu.edu/programs/applied-science-medical-laboratory-science.

At a Glance

- College/School: College of Health Solutions
- Location: Downtown Phoenix campus
- Additional Program Fee: Yes
• **Second Language Requirement:** No
• **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
• **Math Intensity:** General

## Required Courses (Major Map)

- [2019 - 2020 Major Map](#)
- [Major Map (Archives)](#)

## Admission Requirements

### General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

- [Freshman](#)
- [Transfer](#)
- [International](#)
- [Readmission](#)

### Additional Requirements:

Only students who have been admitted through Phoenix College and who have completed the prerequisite course work, verified by the program director or program advisor, are eligible to apply to this program. The following requirements are a part of the application process and are included in the separate program application, released to those who are considered eligible during a specified application cycle:

1. Gain admission to Phoenix College.
2. Complete the program application, which should include:
   1. student information
   2. coursework
   3. immunizations
   4. basic life support or CPR
   5. fingerprint clearance card
   6. health declaration
   7. experience in medical laboratory sciences
   8. employment observation verification
   9. references
3. Review and sign the checklist.
4. Submit the materials to:

   - CHS Student Services
   - Mail Code 9020 ATTN: MDL Program
Arizona State University  
500 N 3rd St  
Phoenix AZ 85004

6. Apply to Arizona State University.

Change of Major Requirements

Only students who have completed an Associate of Applied Science degree are eligible to declare a Bachelor of Applied Science major at ASU.

Students should refer to [https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the [Transfer Map search](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs).

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)
Career Opportunities

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that 13,000 new laboratory professionals will be needed in the United States each year; however, current training programs graduate only 5,000 students each year. The majority of medical laboratory scientists and technologists work in hospital laboratories. Others work in independent laboratories, reference laboratories, clinics, health maintenance organizations, public health agencies, pharmaceutical firms, research institutions, scientific equipment companies, physicians’ offices and as teachers in college clinical laboratory science programs. The working environment is as varied as the types of practice in which medical laboratory scientists are engaged.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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