

Instructions for Clinical Laboratory Science Admission Application

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Clinical Laboratory Science Program
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ADMISSION PROCESS

Admission to the Clinical Laboratory Science Program at UW-La Crosse is competitive (class size is limited) and requires an interest and a desire to serve as a member of the healthcare team. Selection factors considered in the admission process include the following: (1) academic preparation; (2) personal attributes including motivation, maturity, and the ability to work with people; (3) healthcare and other work experience; (4) knowledge of the Clinical Laboratory Science (Medical Laboratory Science/Medical Technology) profession and the profession's role in the healthcare system; (5) letters of recommendation; and (6) personal interview.

Academic Prerequisites

At the time of application, all candidates must either have the prerequisites completed or in progress, or have the majority of prerequisites completed/in-progress being able to complete all required courses in the allotted time. At least an overall GPA of 2.75 is required. The following are the program's course prerequisites:

- One semester of General/Introductory Biology intended for biology majors (*BIO 105*)
- One semester of Genetics with lab (*BIO 306*)
- Anatomy and Physiology course sequence with lab (*BIO 312 & 313*)
- Microbiology with lab (*MIC 230*)
- Two semesters of Inorganic Chemistry with lab (*CHM 103 & 104*)
- One semester of Organic Chemistry with lab (*CHM 300 and 302 or 303, 304, & 302(or 305)*)
- College Algebra (*MTH 150, unless placement scores indicate eligibility for a higher level mathematics course*)
- One semester of statistics (*STAT 145 or 245*)

(Course numbers shown are UW-L course numbers. Comparable courses at other accredited colleges are also acceptable.)

Healthcare and Other Helping Professions Experience

All applicants should have an understanding of the role of a Clinical Laboratory Scientist in the healthcare system. Prior healthcare experience is recommended (but not required); the length and quality of this experience will be considered in the admission process.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The application for admission requires:

- A completed application form
- Transcript(s)- wait for current Fall semester grades to be posted
- Three completed reference forms (can be submitted separately)
- Signed disclosure statement
- All required documentation must be received by the application deadline
 - **Please submit ALL application material one-sided, no staples or paperclips**
- It is the applicant's responsibility to submit all components of their application file and to ensure that the references and transcripts have been submitted

Applicants can verify the program has received all application material by calling (608)785-6960.

The application form, along with the necessary supporting materials, must be completed in their entirety for the applicant to be considered for admission to the program. Failure to complete all sections of the application form will jeopardize consideration of the application. The **Application Deadline is February 15**. An admissions committee reviews the applications and conducts interviews with screened candidates. Interviews are conducted in the spring with offers of admission made by late-March, for classes beginning the following Fall. Any offer of admission will be contingent on acceptance by the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Office of Admissions.

Transcripts

Copy of all college, university, and technical school transcripts must accompany this application.

- If UW-L transcript shows all credits from prior institutions, only an unofficial UW-L transcript is required.
- If UW-L transcript does not show prior degree/credits from other institutions, official copies must be submitted from those institutions with this application (along with an unofficial UW-L transcript).
- Please wait for the current Fall grades to be submitted before obtaining transcript copies.

References

The program requires three references as part of the application material. Candidates should select their references carefully. At least **two** of the references **must** be from course lecture/lab instructors. References **must** be provided using the provided reference form. References should either be mailed directly to the program office by the person completing the form or delivered by the applicant in a sealed envelope with the signature of the reference across the back seal of the envelope.

The admissions committee will copy the application materials for review. It is important that they be legible even after copying. Please return the completed application forms without folding or stapling.

APPLICATION FILE SUBMISSION

___Application (pages 1-5)

___Transcripts from each college, university, and technical school

___Three references (included with application or mailed separately)

___Signed Disclosure Statement

Mail or deliver to:
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