

## CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE PROGRAM

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### Program Description

Weber State University, in collaboration with Dixie State College, offers an Associate of Applied Science degree in Clinical Laboratory Sciences. Students wishing to take any CLS courses must first be admitted to Weber State University. Students enrolled in the joint program will register for WSU online CLS courses with the laboratory portion of the CLS courses taken on the Dixie State College campus in the Russell Taylor Health Sciences Center. Students who complete the program will be eligible to take the Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) national certification exam and work as MLTs in medical laboratory settings. The AAS degree also serves as the first half of a 2-plus-2 Medical Technologist baccalaureate degree.

### Career Opportunities

The medical laboratory technician performs routine clinical laboratory tests such as hematology, clinical chemistry, microbiology, immunology, and coagulation. The MLT performs laboratory tests vital to the detection, differential diagnosis, treatment, and study of disease. The majority of MLT graduates work in clinical or hospital laboratories. Other opportunities include but are not limited to medical administration, industrial labs, education, medical research, and forensics.

The starting salary for an individual with an AAS degree in CLS is approximately \$38,000. This may vary depending upon the region, workplace, skill level, and previous work experience. The US Department of Labor predicts a 15% increase in the need for medical laboratory technicians by 2016.

### Course Prefixes

- CLS

### Degrees & Certificates

- Associate of Applied Science in Clinical Laboratory Sciences (awarded by Weber State University)