

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS and FACT SHEET
2023-24 Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) Program**

ADDRESS	START DATE	CONTACT
St. Luke’s College-UnityPoint Health 2800 Pierce Street Sioux City, IA 51104 http://www.stlukescollege.edu Clinical sites: Include UPH-St. Luke's, MercyOne Siouxland Medical Center and Dakota Dunes Medical Laboratories, June E. Nylén Cancer Center and other laboratories	August 2023	St. Luke’s College Office of Admissions: (712) 279-3149 MLS program office: (712)-279-3967

Applicants (3+1) should be eligible for a baccalaureate degree from one of St. Luke’s College MLS academic affiliates (see list below) or already possess a baccalaureate degree (4+1) with the prerequisite coursework completed (see program guide).

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES Affiliated with St. Luke’s College MLS Program

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Augustana University, Sioux Falls, SD 2. Briar Cliff University, Sioux City, IA 3. Dordt University, Sioux Center, IA 4. Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN 5. Morningside University, Sioux City, IA 6. Mount Marty University, Yankton, SD 7. North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD 9. Northwestern College, Orange City, IA 10. Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, MN 11. University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 12. Wartburg College, Waverly, IA 13. Wayne State College, Wayne, NE |
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Application Procedure

Applications are accepted starting August 1 for the following fall program. Priority deadline for applications is October 1. Applications received after October 1 are reviewed on a space available basis.

Submit all application materials to the St. Luke’s College Office of Admissions at address above:

- **St. Luke’s College application form** available at [Admissions | St. Luke's College \(stlukescollege.edu\)](https://www.stlukescollege.edu/admissions)
- **Essential Requirements form** available at [Certificate in Medical Laboratory Science \(stlukescollege.edu\)](https://www.stlukescollege.edu/certificate-in-medical-laboratory-science) Review and submit signed form with application.
- **Reference forms (2):** Reference/recommendation forms are available at [Certificate in Medical Laboratory Science \(stlukescollege.edu\)](https://www.stlukescollege.edu/certificate-in-medical-laboratory-science) for you to deliver to your references. At least one person must be a college professor (science prerequisite course) or your college advisor. The second reference may be from another college science instructor or a past or present supervisor/employer.
- **Transcript(s):** Request Official College/University transcript; to be mailed to the St. Luke’s College Office of Admissions at mailing address above or etranscript submitted to college@stlukescollege.edu
- **Resume**
- **Interview:** Interviews will be scheduled by the MLS program director with applicants who meet application criteria (prerequisite coursework completed or planned, required GPA)

Prerequisites for Admission:

- Applicants must complete prerequisite college courses prior to entrance. (**see St. Luke's College MLS program guide for required science coursework**). All in progress and planned courses at the time of application must be verified for successful completion (C grade or better) and another official transcript submitted before the student starts the St. Luke's College MLS program.
- Applicants must have a cumulative college GPA of 2.80 and a minimum science GPA of 2.80 in prerequisite coursework to be considered for interview. Applicants with GPAs below 2.8 will be considered after applicants with 2.80 GPA or higher have been considered.
- GPA calculations for students who have had to retake science prerequisite courses will be an average of all grades earned for each course repeated.
- Science coursework must be acceptable towards a major in those fields or in MLS major coursework.
- **For 3+1 applicants:** See academic advisor and/or college/university websites for prerequisite coursework required for the student receiving a degree from an affiliated college/university after completing the St. Luke's College MLS eleven-month program.
- **For 4+1 applicants:** The student possessing a baccalaureate degree must meet the prerequisite science coursework requirements for admission listed in the St. Luke's College MLS program guide. Non-US applicants with a BS/BA degree completed outside the US, and with all prerequisite coursework completed, will be required to have a minimum of 8 semester hours or credits of relevant science coursework completed in the US at the time of application. Students with foreign degrees must have their transcripts evaluated by an appropriate US transcript evaluation agency. Contact the St. Luke's College MLS program for more information. Applicants who met the minimum pre-clinical requirements five or more years before applying to the program must update their academic preparation in a manner acceptable to the St. Luke's College MLS program. Current clinical laboratory experience will be taken into consideration.
- All students with English as their second language must successfully complete the TOEFL exam or other exam deemed acceptable by the St. Luke's College MLS program.
- Each non-US applicant must possess the appropriate VISA and documentation allowing them to complete the clinical program. The St. Luke's College MLS program does not provide VISA sponsorship.

Selection Process:

- Students are selected using a point system, including application/essay, cumulative GPA, prerequisite science GPA, completion of prerequisite science courses, overall academic progress, references and interview.
- **Priority deadline is October 1.** Students applying by October 1 will be contacted for interviews in October/November and notified of status by mid-December. Applications postmarked after October 1 will be considered for remaining openings.