

**SUBJECT:** Service Work

**PURPOSE:** To describe the overall clinical experiences for MLS Program students.

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The Medical Laboratory Science program is dedicated to providing quality education for their students. Participation in the practical aspects of the laboratory is an essential portion of our educational process. In a busy clinical laboratory, the best source of practical experience is patient work. To this end, supervised experiences are provided, allowing the students the opportunity to participate in the service aspects of the laboratory. This adds a personal dimension to the educational process, which is essential for the development of a professional laboratorian. Some of these tasks could be classified as providing service to the patients of this institution. Therefore, we have developed these guidelines for students in the Medical Laboratory Science Program.

1. The clinical instructors will direct student clinical rotations and ensure each student is adequately supervised at all times. Student learning experiences will be properly sequenced, educational, and balanced so the program competencies can be achieved. Under qualified supervision, students will be permitted to perform procedures after demonstrating proficiency.
2. Any service work performed outside academic hours is noncompulsory. Students shall not perform service work in place of qualified staff.
3. If applicable, the program will justify the necessity for learning experiences outside the “normal” program hours through unique objectives.