

Requirements for MLS Applicants

MLS Application Portal

<https://admissions.astate.edu/apply/?sr=e3277782-29c3-4a69-acae-b8f4148ef16d>

Important Note: **DO NOT use your smail.astate.edu email address for this application**; instead, use the personal email address you used when you first applied to A-State. This is the same application portal as the initial university application, but this is an internal program-level application.

Applications are due April 15th.

When you apply to the Medical Laboratory Sciences program, we will ask for 2 references and a job shadowing experience. You also need to upload your transcripts from other institutions. Do not worry about sending a transcript for classes you took at A-State.

References:

The application will request references:

1. from an employer
2. from a professor.

If you have never been employed, you may use 2 references from professors.

Job Shadowing:

Set up a job shadowing experience at a local lab. If you are in the Jonesboro area, you can use NEA Baptist (any facility in their Baptist system) or St. Bernard's. Both require that you request the experience by completing a form.

[Job Shadowing Opportunities – Baptist Memorial Health Care Corporation | Career Development](#)

When you go for the shadowing experience, get the contact information from the person you are shadowing (name and email address). Enter their information in the application portal as a job shadowing "reference". They will get a form to fill out on your behalf to verify the shadowing experience.

English Proficiency Requirement for Foreign Students

Foreign-born applicants must submit test scores of English proficiency with their application.

English proficiency documentation includes one of the following:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) – minimum score of 83 (new score of 4.5) on the preferred internet-based test (iBT), 570 on the paper-based test, or 213 on the computer-based test
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) – minimum score of 6.5 and a spoken band score of 7
- Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE) – minimum score of 56

Decision Deadlines

The MLS program admissions decisions are made no later than May 15th of the application cycle.

Post-Application Requirements

You will be asked to submit a background check through verified credentials and acknowledge all the program's policies. You will also be asked to take a colorblind test and upload a valid driver's license.

MLS acceptance form contains:

- Attendance policy
- Essential requirements & functions for admission & retention: technical standards form
- Professionalism objectives
- Academic standards policy
- Readmission policy

Orientation acknowledgment contains:

- Dress Code
- Academic integrity policy
- College code of honor
- Substance abuse compliance contract
- Student confidentiality contract
- Educational records release form
- Clinical rotations & service work policy
- Student handbook verification

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