

# MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

## MAJOR MAP 2024



GETTING STARTED		MAKING PROGRESS		MAKING PROGRESS		PREPARING FOR WHAT'S NEXT		CAREERS
YOUR COURSE JOURNEY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enroll in MLS 125: Intro to Medical Laboratory Sciences</li><li>• Enroll in HSW 100: Student Success in Health Sciences and Wellness</li><li>• Explore the foundation of MLS through the intro biology and chemistry courses</li><li>• Establish a 4-year plan with a SHSW adviser</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Decide on an emphasis:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Cytotechnology</li><li>◦ Histotechnology</li><li>◦ Medical Technology</li></ul></li><li>• Consider a <a href="#">chemistry minor</a></li><li>• Apply and interview for acceptance into the MLS program during spring of second year</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Register for core MLS courses</li><li>• Apply and interview for 6- or 9-month clinical practicum site at affiliated hospital</li><li>• Take MLS prep courses needed for Clinical Practicum the summer before senior year</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete Practicum credits at partnering institution for final two semesters</li><li>• All Histotechnology students complete practicum at Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, WI</li><li>• All Cytotechnology students complete practicum at UW-Madison in Madison, WI</li><li>• <a href="#">Apply for graduation</a></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medical Technologist</li><li>• Clinical Laboratory Manger</li><li>• Cyto-technologist</li><li>• Medical Lab Sales</li><li>• Clinical Research Associate</li><li>• Histo-technologist</li><li>• Laboratory Director</li><li>• Cytology Lab Manger</li></ul>			
	KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ask your adviser about MLS major</li><li>• Attend majors meeting for MLS</li><li>• Reach out to MLS instructors about the profession</li><li>• Tour a MLS program affiliated hospital laboratory</li><li>• Ask for help from the <a href="#">Tutoring-Learning Center</a> (TLC) and your professors if you wish to improve in your courses</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider applying to the <a href="#">Health Scholars Program</a></li><li>• Explore and apply for <a href="#">SHSW Scholarships</a></li><li>• Attend majors meeting for MLS</li><li>• Tour a MLS program affiliated hospital laboratory</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attend majors meeting for MLS</li><li>• Become a student member of the <a href="#">American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science</a> (ASCLS)</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attend majors meeting for MLS if able</li><li>• Renew ASCLS Student Membership</li><li>• Participate in <a href="#">ASCLS-WI</a> Student Bowl</li></ul>		
	ACT LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Join a <a href="#">university club</a> or the Health Careers Organization</li><li>• Explore and apply for MLS scholarships</li><li>• Establish healthy study habits</li><li>• Engage with activities and opportunities through the School of Health Science and Wellness <a href="#">Student Success Center</a></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explore and apply for <a href="#">MLS scholarships</a> through SHSW and other organizations</li><li>• Get involved in spreading the MLS major at <a href="#">College Day for Kids</a>, <a href="#">STEAM Point Days</a> and Upward Bound workshops</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attend one day of <a href="#">ASCLS-WI</a> state convention</li><li>• Think of different ways to gain experience not only in MLS but also in communication, writing and professionalism skills</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Present capstone project on campus</li><li>• Present your poster (research, case study or literature review) at ASCLS-WI state convention</li></ul>		
	CAREER READINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Talk to adviser and MLS faculty about careers and tracks of study in MLS</li><li>• Create a <a href="#">college resume</a></li><li>• Complete your <a href="#">Handshake profile</a></li><li>• Learn about and practice networking by attending a <a href="#">Networking Workshop</a> or the All-Major Career and Internship Fair</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explore requirements for full-time MLS positions</li><li>• Look into being a lab assistant at Student Health Service (SHS) on campus or working in the MLS department</li><li>• Reach out to MLS instructors about the profession</li><li>• Conduct an <a href="#">informational interview</a> or <a href="#">job shadow</a> with someone who works in a field of interest</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Talk with MLS faculty about networking, work experience opportunities, and clinical practicum affiliates</li><li>• Revise/update a cover letter and resume</li><li>• Attend an <a href="#">Interviewing Workshop</a>; seek additional interview <a href="#">preparation tools</a></li><li>• Talk with mentors about your next steps; if considering <a href="#">graduate school</a>, research your options and understand the application timeline</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prepare for Board Certification Exam</li><li>• Consider memberships for MLS professional organizations, including ASCLS</li><li>• Create a portfolio to bring to job interviews and solidify references</li><li>• Look in to continuing education requirements and resources</li><li>• Meet with your major's <a href="#">Career Coach</a> to work through stuck points</li></ul>		
					and many more!			

## AVAILABLE ONLINE

Major Map documents are available online with additional information!

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