

MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE POST- PROFESSIONAL

The following information is applicable to the MS in Medical Laboratory Science post-professional program (<https://www.pcom.edu/academics/programs-and-degrees/laboratory-science/post-professional/>).

The post professional program accepts students each term on a rolling admissions basis. The deadline for each term is the 15th of the month prior to the start of each term.

The online application will be available for Fall 2024 admission at <https://www.pcom.edu/admissions/apply/>.

Once your application has been downloaded by the PCOM Office of Admissions, you will be contacted via email with a confirmation of its receipt including reminders of the appropriate steps to complete the application process.

Admissions Requirements: Post-Professional

Completed and verified applications and supporting documents will be reviewed on a rolling basis by the Faculty Committee on Admissions. Applicants will be assessed on the following factors:

- U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status (green card)
- BS in medical or clinical lab science from a National Accreditation Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) accredited program and must be certified from either ASCP or AMT.
- ASCP or AMT certification as Medical Laboratory Scientist or Technologist (MLS/MT)
- The MS in Medical Laboratory Science program will accept courses completed online or on campus (at a regionally accredited institution).
- The MS in Medical Laboratory Science program will not accept prerequisite coursework completed as an audit or graded pass/fail.
- The MS in Medical Laboratory Science program will not accept credits completed as CLEP courses
- Essay written on career goals and how this degree will help attain those career goals (in 500 words or less). Applicants that do not meet the GPA requirement/lapses in consistent enrollment are encouraged to explain any occurrences in the essay. If there are any areas of your previous academic coursework that would reflect negatively on your acceptance to the program, applicants are encouraged to explain those concerns.

As an applicant to the MS in Medical Laboratory Science program, you are responsible for ensuring that all admissions materials are completed accurately and submitted in a timely manner.

Are there minimum GPA and standardized test scores to apply?

The program director, faculty and the Office of Admissions conducts a holistic review of all completed and verified applications. There is a minimum grade point average of 3.0 for all upper-level science courses assessed during the application and transcript review process. Following

the completion of the review process, each applicant is notified of an admissions decision by the Faculty Committee in writing, including any conditions that must be satisfied prior to or following enrollment.

Information for International Students

PCOM fully online courses are not open to applicants who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents for the 2022-2023 academic year.

In accordance with the March 2020 guidance, new or Initial F and M students who were not previously enrolled in a program of study on March 9, 2020, will not be able to enter the United States as a nonimmigrant student for the 2023-24 academic year if their course of study is 100 percent online. Consistent with this guidance, PCOM cannot issue a Form I-20, "Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status," for a student in new or Initial status who is outside of the United States for courses operating fully online.

Note that official college transcripts from all colleges/universities/schools attended must be sent directly to:

PCOM Georgia

Office of Admissions

625 Old Peachtree Road NW

Suwanee, GA 30024

We will accept electronic transcripts via mail, eScript and/or Parchment Services and National Student Clearinghouse.

The MLS program utilizes a rolling admissions policy. Therefore, applications will be considered throughout the year as received until the desired enrollment has been achieved. The Faculty Committee on Admissions screens the applications, evaluates the applicants, invites some candidate to interview and selects the new students. Following the completion of the admissions process, each applicant is notified of the Admission Committee's decision in writing, including any conditions that must be satisfied prior to or following enrollment. Classes begin in the Fall term.