PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
Clinical Laboratory Sciences, CLS

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION.
The Channel Islands CLS program includes both didactic and practical clinical training in the full spectrum of diagnostic tests in hospital laboratories. Students participate in clinical laboratory rotations Mondays through Thursdays, 40 hour per week for 52 weeks, supervised by teaching coordinators or specialists, bench clinical laboratory scientists, and site coordinators. A series of didactic lectures is given in the core subject areas by CSU Channel Islands faculty and staff during the Fall and Spring semesters on Fridays.

Graduates are awarded a certificate of completion and are eligible to take a certifying examination for ***employment in California***.

APPLICANT SELECTION & SITE ASSIGNMENTS.
Applicants are accepted once a year (spring). Eligible candidates are reviewed by the director and clinical staff involved in the program. Top applicants are contacted for scheduled interviews by training coordinators from the clinical sites. After interviews, clinical sites and students with multiple interviews are asked to rank their preferences.

The online application website (https://www2.calstate.edu/apply) will be open from January 1st – February 28th for Fall admission into the program. For general inquiries and information, please submit your request here.

PREREQUISITES FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM.
The CLS internship program is a ***Limited Entry Program***, which means that all prerequisite academic requirements (degree completion and coursework listed below) must be completed by the end of the ***spring*** term prior to the program fall start date.

Bachelor's degree (baccalaureate) with specific course requirements including:

- 16 semester or equivalent quarter units of chemistry that must include A) quantitative analysis OR analytical chemistry; AND B) clinical chemistry OR biochemistry, and
- 16 semester or equivalent quarter units of biological sciences that must include classes in A) hematology, B) immunology, and C) medical, clinical, or pathogenic microbiology, and
- 3 semester or equivalent quarter credit hours of physics, math, or statistics.

  Recommended but not required: human physiology, genetics, biostatistics, parasitology, virology, developmental biology and a lab class that includes molecular biology techniques.

A minimum science GPA of 2.75 and no grades less than a C in any required course is expected.

Note: Laboratory Field Services (LFS) has determined that some course work offered at Weber State University does not meet requirements. LFS will no longer accept the following courses completed at Weber State University after June 1, 2014

- CLINICAL CHEMISTRY MLS 5101
- CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY MLS 5810, MLS 5103, MLS 5104

TRAINING LICENSES.
Laboratory Field Services (LFS, California Department of Public Health), the state agency that issues the CLS Trainee license, makes the final determination as to whether courses meet their specifications. To ask LFS about specific courses, email LFS directly: lfsrecep@cdph.ca.gov

All candidates accepted into clinical training are required to have a trainee license by August 12. To apply for a trainee license, see https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OSPHLD/LFS/Pages/CLS.aspx

Additional information may be obtained from the California Department of Public Health at:
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OSPHLD/LFS/Pages/CLS.aspx

SUPPLEMENTAL ADMISSION CRITERIA.

- Internship candidates are restricted to a total of three applications; eligibility for the program will be lost after 3 unsuccessful attempts
- Costs associated with the purchase of textbooks, on-line or hard copy study guides, uniforms or laboratory coats is the responsibility of the student.
- After admission, students will be required to obtain, at their own cost, a criminal background check and drug screen. Failure to meet standards will result in separation from the program; specific information will be provided upon program admission.
- It is the responsibility of the student to secure acceptable insurance and show evidence of health insurance before entering the internship program as well as a health record and immunizations consistent with a clinical placement in a California health care agency (see below).
- Students must provide proof of a negative QFT tuberculosis test within the last 12 months or documentation as a previous positive reactor,
- Students must provide proof of rubella, rubeola, and mumps immunity by positive antibody titers or two doses of the MMR vaccine,
- Students must provide proof of varicella immunity by positive history of chickenpox or two doses of varicella immunization,
- Students must provide proof of T-dap vaccination within the last 10 years, and
- Students must provide proof of hepatitis B, influenza, and covid-19 immunization.

CLS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FEES (FOR STUDENTS ENTERING THE PROGRAM IN FALL 2019.

- Tuition is $1,000 per unit (15 units), not including books and living expenses.
- As a "certificate" program please be aware that Federal financial aid (FAFSA) will not be available.
- Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Healthcare Education Loan program can provide some financial support to a limited number of CSU Channel Islands students attending school on a full-time basis in conjunction with internship training as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist (CLS). More information is available at: http://www.cottagehealth.org/careers/. To request a loan application, contact Cottage Health Human Resources, Recruitment Department at (805) 879- 8799.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.

- This program is not available to international students.