

Eligibility Requirements:

- United States citizen preferred
- Graduated from an accredited university/college with < 10 years since graduation.
- Completed 3 years or 90 semester hours at affiliated college or university and be eligible for a bachelor's degree upon completion of the MLS certificate program.
- Minimum grade point average: 3.00
- Must pass pre-employment screening and security checks.
- Must be able to complete 11 months of continuous training from September to July

Prerequisites:

- 16 credit hours of chemistry including organic or biochemistry.
- 16 credit hours of biology including microbiology and immunology.
- One semester of college level math
- One semester of physics, statistics and molecular biology recommended.

To Apply submit the following:

- Resume, Cover Letter and Application
- Personal statement—300 words ***"I want to be a Med Lab Scientist because..."***
- Official Transcripts-in sealed envelope or email from School.
- Two letters of support: science related/faculty references. Letters should be on official letterhead if applicable.
- Essential Functions form -signed and dated. (Obtained from program director.)

Application Deadline: February for Fall cohort

VA New England Healthcare System Spotlight

VA New England Healthcare System also known as Veterans Integrated Services Networks group 1 (VISN 1)

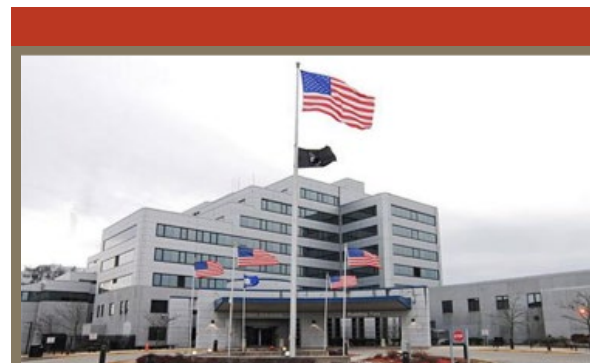
is part of the largest integrated healthcare delivery system in the United States.

VISN 1 serves the veterans of the US armed forces in the New England Healthcare system (which includes VAs in ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI).

VISN 1's mission is to honor America's veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. The vision is to be the premier, integrated, academic health care system in New England, with a highly engaged team, providing exceptional care to the Veterans we serve. The core values are Integrity, Commitment, Advocacy, Respect, Excellence; ("I CARE").



VA NEW ENGLAND HEALTHCARE SYSTEM (VISN 1) **MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE (MLS) PROGRAM**



Program Mission

The mission of the VA New England Healthcare System MLS hospital-based certificate program is to provide a quality clinical and didactic training for students in the profession of medical laboratory science, enabling them to pass national certification examinations and qualify to become part of a highly engaged healthcare team that delivers the highest quality of care to the veterans we serve.

Program Goals

- To produce highly skilled entry level Medical Laboratory Scientists who can provide accurate and timely laboratory results to aide in the diagnosis and treatment of disease and maintenance of health, in accordance with regulatory compliance and departmental procedures and policies, and who can effectively integrate as part of a high-performance laboratory team.
- To produce Medical Laboratory Scientists committed to providing excellent customer service and high-quality care to veterans within the VHA healthcare system.
- To promote ethical behavior and courteous and professional communication between laboratory staff, students, patients, and all members of the healthcare team.
- To provide a positive, non-discriminatory, supportive learning environment lead by experienced laboratorians.
- To provide future laboratory leaders, subject matter experts and educators.
- To foster the importance of professional development through life-long learning and advocacy for the field.

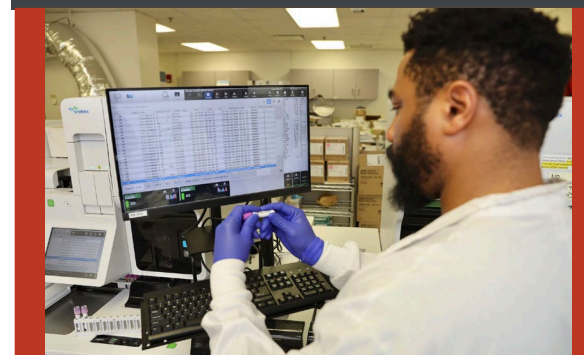
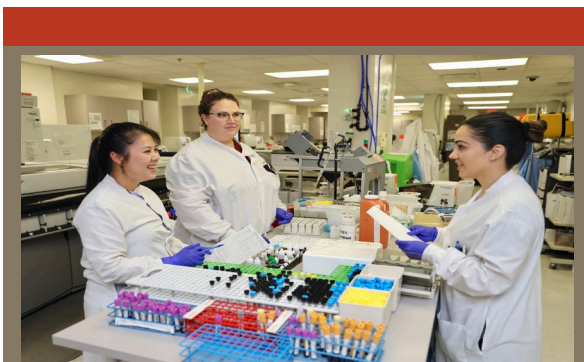
VISN 1 MLS Program Structure

The MLS program will run for 11 months beginning in September and ending in July. All courses will have an online didactic component and a practical component at one of the VISN 1 sites (VA Connecticut West Haven, VA Bedford MA, VA Boston MA, VA Central Western MA, VA Maine, VA Manchester NH, VA Providence RI, or White River Junction VT).

Clinical practicum will be 1st half of day and didactic lectures 2nd half of day with 20 clinical hours and 15 didactic hours per week for a total of 43 weeks. **Tuition free**

Clinical and didactic courses:

Introduction to the Clinical Laboratory
Clinical Chemistry
Clinical Hematology
Blood Hemostasis and Coagulation
Urinalysis and Body Fluids
Clinical Immunology and Serology
Immunohematology and Transfusion Medicine
Clinical Microbiology I
Clinical Microbiology II
Special Topics in Medical Laboratory Science
Clinical Laboratory Management and Education principles
Review Seminar



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The program is applying for the National Accreditation Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) accreditation. Eligibility to take some certification examinations may depend on whether the program achieves "serious applicant status".