



Medical Laboratory Technician Program Progression

Progression through the Program

The entire Medical Laboratory Technician Program must be completed within 3 years of admission as an MLT Major. Students sign a document acknowledging understanding and acceptance of the MLT Program Progression Policies.

Grade Requirements:

1. Students must earn a C grade or higher in all courses listed in the MLT Program Requirements. A grade of C designates satisfactory achievement of objectives which are required of students to demonstrate a minimal level of competence in laboratory science. Saint Paul College recognizes a C- grade transferred from another institution as satisfactory achievement of course objectives.
2. Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher throughout their enrollment as an MLT Major. If a student's cumulative GPA falls below 2.5, the student will be placed on academic probation. Once placed on academic probation, the student must bring the cumulative GPA to 2.5 or higher *during the subsequent term*. If the student is unable to do so, he/she will be **ACADEMICALLY INELIGIBLE** to continue in the Saint Paul College Medical Laboratory Technician Program.
3. Students earning a grade of less than a C in any required Medical Laboratory Technician Course must drop the remaining MLT Technical Courses for which they are registered. Because students take technical courses in a prescribed sequence, failure to meet the grade requirement means a student cannot proceed in the sequence until the problem course is successfully repeated (see repeating courses below).
4. With the exception of MDLT 1446 Phlebotomy, students must earn a minimum score of 70% on any practical exam given in MDLT courses. If they are unable to achieve this score on the 1st attempt, students are given one additional opportunity to successfully complete the exam. The minimum pass level of the repeat attempt is 75% to account for prior knowledge of exam content. Because students must demonstrate mastery of technical skills at the completion of each MDLT course, a score below the required minimum pass level (after 2 attempts) on a practical examination prevents a student from earning a C grade in the course and thus proceeding in the MDLT course sequence until the problem course is repeated (see repeating courses below). Refer to the MDLT 1446 Phlebotomy syllabus for minimum pass level requirements for Phlebotomy practical assessments.
5. Students will be provided the opportunity for practical exam repeat on no more than 3 exams throughout enrollment in the MLT Major. History has shown that students who have repeated more than 3 practical exams throughout their enrollment struggle to meet skill competency in the clinical setting. For this reason, a student will not be provided an opportunity for a 4th practical exam repeat, preventing him/her from earning a C grade in the course and thus proceeding in the MDLT course sequence until the problem course is repeated (see repeating courses below).
6. Students that are unsuccessful in demonstrating competency in MDLT 2591 Clinical Practice after faculty, program director and clinical liaison intervention will earn a non-passing grade for the Clinical Practice course and will be academically **INELIGIBLE** to continue in the Saint Paul College Medical Laboratory Technician Program.

Withdrawal from Courses:

1. Students will be allowed only one course withdrawal per individual course and will not be permitted to continue in the program after the second course withdrawal.

Repeating Courses:

1. If a student has a break in course progression, re-entrance into the specific course of need will be determined by space availability. Repeating a course requires students to re-apply for admission to the program (see Readmission to the Program section on prior pages).
2. If a student, upon repeating a course, is unable to earn a C grade or higher, the student will be **ACADEMICALLY INELIGIBLE** to continue in the Saint Paul College Medical Laboratory Technician Program.

Withdrawal from the Program:

Students who have withdrawn from the Saint Paul College Medical Laboratory Technician Program will be considered for readmission on a one-time only basis. Students who have withdrawn from the program more than once will not be eligible for readmission.

Readmission to the Program

Students who have withdrawn from Saint Paul College's Medical Laboratory Technician Program must apply for readmission through the Program Director. Applications for readmission are evaluated by program officials. A decision to allow readmission is based on a review of the student's progress to date, the potential for success in the program and how the student has addressed past barriers. Readmission is also dependent on space availability in the program. Readmission will only be considered within 2 years of initial enrollment.

Graduation Requirements

- Students must complete the total required credits listed on the Medical Laboratory Technician program requirements guide with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (C) or better.
- Students must earn a 2.0 (C) or better in each Medical Laboratory Technician program course. Students earning a grade of less than a C in any required Medical Laboratory Technician course must drop the remaining technical courses for which he/she is registered. The student cannot proceed in the technical course sequence until the problem course is successfully completed.
- Students must obtain satisfactory evaluations of clinical competencies in the clinical laboratory practice.
- Students must satisfactorily complete (70%) the comprehensive examinations given at the end of the program.

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