Where is training provided?

Our students train hands on at the bench in our affiliate hospital laboratories located through the State of California. Lectures are conducted on campus. Students who train at hospitals outside of the San José area attend class live online.

Who are your affiliate hospitals?

- Adventist Medical Center – Hanford
- Antelope Valley Hospital – Lancaster
- Bakersfield Memorial Hospital – Bakersfield
- Dignity Health Sacramento
- El Camino Hospital – Mountain View
- Enloe Medical Center (Chico)
- Feather River Hospital (Paradise)
- Hoag Memorial Hospital (Newport Beach)
- Kaiser Permanente (South Sacramento) (San José) (Santa Clara)
- Marian Medical Center (Santa Maria)
- Mercy Medical Center (Redding)
- Natividad Medical Center (Salinas)
- Oroville Hospital (Oroville)
- Ridgecrest Regional Hospital (Ridgecrest)
- Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital (Salinas)
- Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (San Jose)
- Shasta Regional Medical Center (Redding)
- St. Joseph’s Medical Center (Stockton)
- Stanford Clinical Laboratories (Stanford)
- Stanford HealthCare/ValleyCare Health Systems (Pleasanton)

About Us

The Clinical Laboratory Scientist Training Program at San Jose State University is a 12-month program that prepares students to take the ASCP national exam for licensure. It is a 40 hour per week commitment with an emphasis on hands-on learning in the hospital setting. Most weeks, students will spend 32 hours training at the bench in a clinical site and 8 hours in lecture.

Program Outcomes (2013-2016):

Prospective students can be confident that our comprehensive program will prepare them for a career as a CLS. We are proud of our student’s success.

- 100% (140/140) have successfully graduated from our program.
- 100% (140/140) of graduates have passed the national ASCP Board of Certification examination within one year of graduation.
- (100% (140/140) of graduates have found employment in the field.

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Admission Requirements:

- A bachelor’s degree in biology or a related science
- 18 semester units of Biology coursework
- 16 semester units of Chemistry coursework including instruction in Biochemistry and Quantitative Analysis
- 3 semester units of Physics including instruction in optics and electromagnetism
- 3 semester hours of mathematics (statistics or calculus)
- A minimum GPA of 2.8 on a 4 point scale
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 in last 60 units
- Completion of Hematology, Immunology and Medical Microbiology course with a grade of B or better within 5 years of application
- Coursework in Human or Systems Physiology and Human or General Genetics
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Acceptance by the SJSU CLS Training Program Selection Committee and a Clinical Affiliate
- For students with a degree from a foreign university, we require 12 semester units of upper-division science coursework at an United States university
- Legal right to work in the United States
- Meet admission requirements for San Jose State University and drug screening, immunization and background check requirements of clinical affiliate
- Possess a CLS Training license granted by the State of California

What is the application deadline?
Spring Cohort – July 15 of preceding year
Fall Cohort – January 15

When should I apply?
All prerequisite coursework must be completed and grades documented with official transcripts.

When are interviews held?
Spring Cohort – September*
Fall Cohort – March

When does the program begin?
We admit two cohorts a year, one in February/March and one in August/September. The lecture portion begins a few weeks in advance of the clinical rotations.

What is the cost of the program?
Our students enroll in 15 semester units each semester for 3 semesters. Current rate is $280/unit totaling $12,600 for the training year.

Most of our clinical affiliates provide a stipend ranging from $1000 - $2000 per month.

Licensing and Accreditation:
The SJSU CLS Training Program is approved by Laboratory Field Services, a division of the California State Health and Human Services Department.

The program is accredited by the National Accreditation Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science (NAACLS).

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