Where is training provided?
Our students train hands in our affiliate hospital laboratories located throughout California. Lectures will be given online or on campus depending on location of affiliate.

Who are our affiliate hospitals?

- Adventist Health Hanford
- Adventist Health Lodi Memorial
- Antelope Valley Hospital in Lancaster
- Bakersfield Memorial Hospital
- Dignity Health Sacramento
- El Camino Hospital in Mountain View
- Enloe Medical Center in Chico
- Feather River Hospital in Paradise
- Hoag Memorial Hospital in Newport Beach
- Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento
- Kaiser Permanente San José
- Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara
- Marian Medical Center in Santa Maria
- Mercy Medical Center in Redding
- Natividad Medical Center in Salinas
- Oroville Hospital
- Ridgecrest Regional Hospital
- Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital
- Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San José
- Shasta Regional Medical Center in Redding
- St. Joseph’s Medical Center in Stockton
- Stanford Medical Center in Palo Alto
- Stanford Healthcare-ValleyCare in Pleasanton

About Us
The Clinical Laboratory Scientist Training Program at San José State University is a 52 week program that prepares students to take the ASCP MLS exam for certification. 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 at a hospital laboratory and 8 hours in lecture.

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% (235/235) have successfully graduated from our program.
- 99.57% (234/235) of graduates have passed the national ASCP Board of Certification examination within one year of graduation.
- 99.57% (234/235) 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 units of 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 courses with a grade of B or better within 5 years of application
- Coursework Physiology and 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 a United States university
- Legal right to work in the United States
- Meet admission requirements for San José State University, drug screening, immunization and background check requirements of Clinical Affiliate
- Possess a CLS Trainee license granted by the State of California

What is the application deadline?
July 15 for the Spring Cohort
January 15 for the Fall Cohort

When should I apply?
After all prerequisite coursework is completed with grades and bachelor's degree documented on official transcripts.

When are interviews held?
September for the Spring Cohort
March for the Fall Cohort

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 - $3000 per month.

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

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