

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation
Decision
Discussion/Direction
Information

DATE: 25 April 2023

FROM: Undergraduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Minor Program Adjustment - Bachelor of Health Science in Medical Laboratory Science & Medical Laboratory Science Bridge for Biotechnology Advanced Diploma

COMMITTEE MANDATE:

In accordance with Section 1. b) of the Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC) Terms of Reference, USC has the responsibility “to approve minor program adjustments and report them to Academic Council for information.”

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

With a change in policy at the University allowing students to withdraw from a course (receiving a W until the last day of classes), the Faculty proposed updating the progression for withdrawals to be in line with that of failures within the professional program of medical laboratory science.

As a professional program the withdrawal of a student at the last moment could alter what would have been a failure in a lab or theory course, and thereby not uphold the values of a professional program in terms of accountability.

The Faculty proposed a change to progression requirements to indicate that a student may not have more than two withdrawals from a single course, and no more than three withdrawals in any combination of required HLSC or MLSC courses will be program dismissed.

The Faculty also proposed the following changes be made to the Medical Laboratory Science – Bridge – Advanced Diploma in Biotechnology for consistency with previously approved changes to the MLS program:

- 1). Adjust the required pass mark on final exams (progression requirements);
- 2). Add a note in the calendar description to direct students to the program handbook; and
- 3). Recharacterize the phlebotomy requirement during the 4th year practicum.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

N/A

TRANSITION PLAN:

Students will be made aware of this change upon approval so that they are fully aware of the implications.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

- Undergraduate Studies Committee: 21 March 2023
- Faculty Council: 1 February 2023
- Curriculum Committee: 16 January 2023

NEXT STEPS:

After presentation to Academic Council, this change will be included in the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

[Medical Laboratory Science](#)

[Medical Laboratory Science – Bridge – Advanced Diploma in Biotechnology](#)