

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

- Recommendation
- Decision
- Discussion/Direction
- Information

DATE: 27 February 2024

FROM: Undergraduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Minor Program Adjustment – Bachelor of Health Science in Medical Laboratory Science program and Medical Laboratory Science Bridge program.

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:

The Faculty proposed to:

- Formalize the process of signing off CSMLS competencies during didactic prior to students’ entry to their 4th year practicum. This will decrease the overall length of placement during 4th year and diminish workload burden for MLSc clinical partners.
- Increase flexibility for start dates for practicum to enable MLSc clinical partners to consider increasing capacity during the practicum year and flexibility for students to write the national certification exam

Students will enter practicum with a shorter list of academic requirements for sign off, decreasing workload burden in 4th year. Expanding the start date window will increase flexibility for clinical partners and students when securing their plan for the practicum year.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

No additional resources required.

TRANSITION PLAN:

Applies to students entering clinical placements beginning in Spring 2024 and thereafter. Does not impact current clinical placements.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

- ✓ FHS Curriculum Committee: 14 December 2023
- ✓ Faculty Council: 3 January 2024
- ✓ Undergraduate Studies Committee (Approval): 16 January 2024
- Academic Council (Information): 27 February 2024

The Faculty consulted extensively with the MLSc Program Advisory Committee on the competencies to be signed off during didactic and have received their full support. They are working with Simulation Canada and subject matter experts to support and optimize our simulation efforts.

NEXT STEPS:

Following presentation to Academic Council, this change will be included in the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- [Minor Program Adjustment – Medical Laboratory Science](#)
- [Minor Program Adjustment – Medical Laboratory Science Bridge](#)