

Board Meeting  
May 17, 2018

RENAME THE CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE PROGRAM, COLLEGE OF  
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, SPRINGFIELD

**Action:** Rename the Clinical Laboratory Science Program, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends approval to rename the Clinical Laboratory Science program as the Medical Laboratory Science program in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The University of Illinois at Springfield currently offers a Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science and the degree is housed within the Clinical Laboratory Science program. Where “Clinical Laboratory Science” used to describe bachelor-level programs, in recent years the term has been expanded and is now used broadly to encompass all laboratory-related professions, not just bachelor-level programs. “Medical Laboratory Science” is now the preferred bachelor-level program name used nationally in the discipline and by accrediting bodies. Most university programs in Illinois, including Illinois State University, Northern Illinois University, and Rush University, have already migrated their academic program name from Clinical

Laboratory Science (or Medical Technology) to Medical Laboratory Science to align their programs with national standards and accrediting bodies.

The UIS Clinical Laboratory Science program offers the Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science, which is currently accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science (NAACLS). NAACLS now uses the “Medical Laboratory Science” title for the bachelor-level medical laboratory professional accreditation. In addition, the Board of Certification of the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP), uses the official title of “Medical Laboratory Scientist” for their current certification. Currently UIS students graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science are eligible and encouraged to take the national certification exam to become an ASCP - Certified Medical Laboratory Scientist.

Changing the program name to Medical Laboratory Science is consistent with national standards in the discipline and more accurately describes the program, its degree offering, and the accreditation and certification processes associated with the program. No administrative changes will be made to the program as a result of the name change.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.