

Board Meeting
April 11, 2006

ELIMINATE B.S. AND M.S. IN MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES,
COLLEGE OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES, CHICAGO

Action: Approve the Elimination of the B.S. and M.S. in Medical Laboratory Sciences, College of Applied Health Sciences, Chicago

Funding: No Funding Required

The Chancellor at Chicago with the advice of the Chicago Senate, the Graduate College, and the College of Applied Health Sciences, recommends approval to eliminate the B.S. and M.S. in Medical Laboratory Sciences.

For the past four years the B.S. and M.S. in Medical Laboratory Sciences has been suspended due to declining enrollment. Several institutions in the Chicago area offer two-year associate degrees in medical technology, which serves as an adequate credential for entry-level positions in the field. Students who qualify for admission and are interested in clinical science tend to choose other health-care professional programs that yield entrée to jobs with higher salaries. In addition, dwindling resources have made it unfeasible to continue to offer the program.

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 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, pending further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.