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

Action: Rename the Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science, 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 Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science as the Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

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

The UIS Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science 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 Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science to the Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science is consistent with national standards in the discipline and more accurately represents the accreditation and certification processes. No changes to the curriculum will be made as a result of the degree 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.