

## H837 MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE PROGRAM

**Congratulations on your acceptance to the Medical Laboratory Science Program.**

**Prior to the commencement of classes in September the following are required:**

### Health Assessment & Safety Requirements

St. Clair College has partnered with **Synergy Gateway Inc** to provide you access to [Verified](#) - a platform that is used by students at other post-secondary institutions across Ontario for the purpose of digitally collecting health requirements related to applied health sciences programs & clinical placement. It is strongly recommended to begin your immunization requirements as soon as you have been accepted to the program in order to meet the [Year 1 Health Sciences Health Assessment requirements](#). You will digitally upload your records and [health assessment record](#) to the Synergy Verified platform for review and clearance.

You will be required to complete an **Electronic Requirements Verification (ERV) Review** through the **Verified** platform in order to receive clearance to attend Year 1 Semester 1 biohazardous laboratory sessions.

You will be provided access to "Verified" via a secure username and password. You will use **Verified** to:

- Upload your Year 1 health requirements documentation for review.
- Book your Electronic Requirements Verification (ERV) service (this is a service that reviews the documents you have uploaded and provides you a status as to your eligibility to begin placements).
- Track your ongoing requirements compliance.

Each student will receive log-in credentials to access **Verified** that will be sent to your **St. Clair College email account**. Please check your inbox, spam and junk mail folders for an email from the "[Synergy Help Desk](#)". You will be required to create a new password upon logging in. Be sure to view the video user guides and student guidebook to learn how to use the **Verified** platform.

There is a **Health & Safety module and Medical Laboratory program module that you must review and acknowledge on the H837 Medical Laboratory program Blackboard**. This is an annual requirement of St. Clair College and the program. It must be completed as soon as it is available on the H837 program Blackboard. There are instructions posted in the modules on how to complete the Health & Safety review, quiz, and documentation. This is a mandatory requirement.

### **Required equipment, clothing/uniform must be worn in all labs:**

Maroon/wine scrub-type uniform (pant set) may be purchased from any retail supplier or the Campus Store at St. Clair College which includes embroidering of the College Logo and the specific Program.

**NOTE:** In order to ensure receipt of the items prior to the start of classes, it is suggested you place your order(s) early August. Embroidered scrubs are not mandatory.

Safety glasses or goggles are required for laboratory sessions and are available at optical and retail stores. Standard prescription glasses, if worn, are required for laboratory sessions. If you wear prescription glasses you will still need to purchase fitted side shields, or safety glasses that fit over top of your prescription glasses. Side shields for eyeglasses are only permitted if they form a complete seal, with no gaps. Contact lenses (especially soft) will absorb certain solvents and offer no protection from a splash. It is strongly recommended that contact lenses not be worn in the laboratory, or if worn, safety goggles must also be worn. If you are aware that you are colourblind, please contact Student Services or let your Program Coordinator know as soon as possible so that action may be taken to help alleviate the added challenge this may present to you.

Appropriate laboratory footwear (closed heel and toes) will be required for the laboratory sessions. Shoes should be made of an acceptable rigid form of construction with closed toes and heels, covering the entire foot. Heels and soles should be constructed of non-skid material. Footwear should protect from hazardous liquids and be easily cleaned and disinfected. High-heeled or low-heeled shoes (clogs, plastic slip-on, or "Crocs") are not permitted.

Lab Coats: Lab coats may be purchased from any retail supplier or from the Campus Store at St. Clair College. The approximate cost of a lab coat purchased at the Campus Store is \$25.00. The coat should be knee-length and be able to button/snap completely. Lab coats must not be worn outside of the lab.

You may access the [Campus Bookstore](#) shop the [online store](#) to purchase the required texts. You will be able to search the required texts online by selecting the; Term, Division, Department (MDL), and Course Code(s). The Campus Bookstore staff are available to assist you.

## **Program Facts and Information**

Organization and time management skills are essential. Laboratory attendance is mandatory. You must successfully pass all courses to continue in the program. For courses that have a theory and laboratory component - you must successfully pass both the theory and the laboratory. You will have multiple exams and practical laboratory assessments throughout the program to ensure you are meeting program requirements.

This is a competency-based program which means the curriculum is based on the national standards (CSMLS) for entry level general medical laboratory technologists.  
ORIENTATION

You will receive an official St. Clair College Orientation Package in the summer. Please obtain your personal schedule online, prior to starting in September, to follow the assigned days, times and rooms. The Medical Laboratory Science [Orientation Information](#) will be available on the College website and the H837-A01-24F program Blackboard closer to the start of the Fall 2024 semester.

## **Clinical Internship Information**

The Medical Laboratory Science program clinical placement is 30 weeks. The program arranges placements at participating clinical sites located in Southwestern Ontario. During the Clinical Internship you will pay tuition and the costs for living in your placement area. It is not guaranteed you will be placed in Windsor. You will require a VSC (vulnerable sector clearance) and N95 Mask Fit Test to attend placement. This is not required until the semester before your clinical placement. Please do not acquire the VSC or Mask Fit Test for your semester 1 September start date. You will be advised during the Program Orientation process regarding when to acquire. For information the required medical documents, please visit the Program Webpage on the "[Placement Tab](#)"

## **Transfer Credits**

There is no "Fast-Track" for university students and/or other post-secondary program. You are able to gain advanced standing in courses to alleviate your course load, yet it will take 3 years to complete the Medical Laboratory Science program.

Transfer credits will be assessed and processed when you are accepted to the program and begin your studies in the Fall. There is a minimal grade of 60% for a course to be eligible to transfer. This process involves reviewing course outlines, and transcripts to ensure graduation requirements are met. Further details may be found [here](#)

Looking forward to seeing you in September,

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