

## ***Fact Sheet for Program Year 2020-2021***

### **Sanford MLS Program**

Sanford USD Medical Center (SMC)

Sioux Falls, SD

<https://www.sanfordhealth.org/student-programs/medical-laboratory-science-program>

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- **Program Overview:** the program is 48 weeks in duration with a split start for ten selected students. Eight students start in June and complete the end of April/early May. Two students start the following January and complete in early December. The Sanford MLS program is a combination of didactic lecture and clinical laboratory training.
  - Didactic ratio of students to instructor is 10:1.
  - Clinical laboratory training ratio is most often 1:1 student to clinical trainer.
  
- **Program Outcomes:** for past 3 program cycles
  - 100% Graduation rate
  - 100% ASCP BOC pass rate within one year; 97% first time pass rate
  - 100% rate of Employment in the MLS field within six months of graduation
  
- **Notification of student selection:** We participate in the COMLE matching program, notifying students in late November/early December. Occasionally placement of late start January students is held off until first semester grades are available. Accepted students will be screened in the same manner as Sanford employees. Students must pass a criminal background screen and will be subject to health assessment that includes a drug screen, approximately 30 days prior to program start.
  
- **Financial Information:** Tuition is \$8300 inclusive of books provided by the Program Director. There is a \$300 nonrefundable enrollment fee at the time of acceptance and applicable toward the program tuition. The tuition is billed directly to the student, and paid by the student to the program (SMC) in full by program start date. Exceptions to full payment by start date will be on approval by the Program Director. Affiliated student will need to dually enroll in their home school and pay any required tuition to their home schools. The affiliated home school will handle financial aid for these students. The SMC MLS Program currently does not qualify for Federal Financial Aid. Students with a bachelor degree and not on affiliation will need to utilize personal funds or personal loans for tuition and living expenses.
  
- **Health Information:** A TB screen, and proof of current immunizations. Immunization against Hepatitis B is required. Seasonal flu vaccine is required. At the present time, a physical exam is not required, but recommended. Students are responsible for their healthcare costs and insurance.

- Didactic and Clinical Schedule:** the program meets 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday -Thursday and 7:00 to 12:00 p.m. Friday. Clinical training occurs in the morning; didactic lectures are 1-4 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Some rotations will require a few morning starts as early as 5:30 a.m. A one week Evening Rotation is included. **Students are allowed five days PTO** for illness and personal needs. There is a two week mid-program break falling over Christmas/New Years for June students and late May/Memorial Day for January students. Additional recognized holidays are July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving. The program gives the Friday after Thanksgiving and before Easter Sunday off at the Director's discretion. There is a short fall break; see dates below. The rotation schedule will vary each year and is provided to the accepted students.
- Academic Grades:** The didactic lecture exams account for 50% of final grades, with scores above 70% considered passing. The clinical portion accounts for 40% of final grades, and students must obtain 80% overall competency for a passing clinical grade. Comprehensive finals account for the remaining 10% of final grades. All students receive a transcript and certificate of program completion. Affiliated home schools of students receive a transcript to award their grades/credits for the program year toward the student's BA/BS degree.

**PROGRAM CALENDAR 2020-2021 June to June**

**June 1st, 2020**.....June Students start  
 July 4th .....Independence Day Holiday  
 Sept 2nd.....Labor Day Holiday  
 November 26--29.....Thanksgiving Break  
**Dec 22/23, 2020**.....January Students' finals/graduation  
 December 19-January 3.....Christmas Break  
**January 4, 2021**.....Program resumes  
 April 2--4.....Easter Break  
**May 5/6, 2021** .....June Students' finals/graduation