

# POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY

GW's online post-baccalaureate certificate in microbiology for medical laboratory science prepares students with the knowledge and hands-on skills to become board-certified in laboratory science and to make a positive, direct impact on medical care. Students are provided the latest biomedical instruments and molecular techniques to prepare them to face challenges in finding and understanding the causes of disease.

Visit program (<https://smhs.gwu.edu/bulletin/smhs/certificate/microbiology-mls/>) website.

## ADMISSIONS

Term Start: Fall

Application July 20

Deadline:

Degree A bachelor's degree  
and GPA

Requirements:

2.5 GPA or above on a 4.0 scale

Prerequisites: Completed coursework - All required courses must be completed with a C grade (C- grades and lower do not transfer) or better at a regionally accredited institution of higher learning:

3 credits English Composition

3 credits College Algebra, Statistics (or higher)

Combination of 30 semester hours of Biology and Chemistry coursework

\*Please be prepared to provide unofficial transcripts to determine program admissibility.

Statement of Applicants must include a 250-500 word essay purpose: describing your reasons for undertaking study at GW, your academic objectives, career goals and related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities, relevant to your program of interest. Include any substantial accomplishments not already mentioned on the application form.

Recommendations: One (1) letter of recommendation required:

Prior Official transcripts are required from all colleges and academic records: universities attended (including via dual enrollment), whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Official transcripts must be forwarded in their original sealed envelopes or sent electronically directly from the institution.

If academic records are in a language other than English, a certified English language translation must be provided in addition to the original transcripts; translations alone will not be accepted.

Official transcripts from institutions outside the U.S. must be accompanied by an official transcript evaluation from an accredited independent evaluating agency. Please be sure you request a detailed evaluation that includes all course titles, credit hours, grades, U.S. degree equivalency, grade-point averages (GPA), and date of degree conferral. Please see the list of acceptable foreign credential evaluation services (<https://www.naces.org/members>).

Additional Students who live outside of the Washington DC requirements Metro Area are required to secure a satisfactory clinical site at the time of admission.

Successful completion of a criminal background check and a drug screen through Certiphi Screening, a third-party vendor, are required of all admitted clinical students in their first semester. Students are responsible for fees associated with these screens.

International Students: International students should check with individual programs regarding eligibility for visa sponsorship. Generally, online and hybrid programs are not eligible for student visa sponsorship from GW. This would include transfer students from any other institution with an existing visa.

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Applicants who are not U.S. citizens are required to submit official test scores for either Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or#Pearsons#Test of English (PTE), Academic the academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or the Duolingo English Test (DET). The following are the minimum scores for admission consideration:#TOEFL: 600 on paper based, 250 on computer-based, or 100 Internet-based, PTE: overall score of 68, IELTS: an overall band score of 7.0, with no individual band score below 6.0, or DET overall score of 120. \*Scores can be no older than 2 years.

International applicants who meet the following conditions may be considered for admission without submitting TOEFL, PTE or IELTS or DET scores: #They are a citizen of countries where English is the official language (as identified by GW ISO list of Exempt countries) OR; They hold at least a #bachelor#degree from a country where English is the official language as well as language of instruction OR; They hold at least a #bachelor#degree from an institution accredited by a U.S. regional accrediting agency.

**Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:**

George Washington University

ATTN: Transcript Processing Center  
1415 W 22<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Suite 220  
Oak Brook, IL 60523

Documents may be submitted electronically  
to: transcripts@hsprograms.gwu.edu.

**Contact for questions:**

hsphora@gwu.edu  
202-994-0384 (phone)  
Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

## REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required</b>		
MLS 4119	Parasitology, Mycology, and Virology	
MLS 4121	Applied Microbiology	
MLS 4164	Clinical Microbiology Practicum	
MLS 4179	Microbiology Laboratory Operations	