

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences offers a Certificate in Hematology for Clinical Laboratory Science. Completion of the certificate would qualify the graduate to take the Technologist in Hematology examination offered by national certifying agencies. The didactic courses are taught via computer on the worldwide web. A clinical practicum would be located in the geographic area in which the student resides.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college/university with a combination of 30 semester hours of biology and chemistry and a minimum overall and science GPA of 2.5 or higher are required for admission. Applicants must submit a completed application, official transcripts, two letters of recommendation, and a signed Essential Functions Acknowledgment Form. A telephone interview is also required.

Additional Requirements

Candidates for the certificate will also be required to submit the following at matriculation:

- Physical examination/immunization requirements documentation
- Criminal background check and drug screening documentation
- Copy of proof of health insurance coverage

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

It is anticipated that the certificate would be completed within a twelve-month period. The certificate requires completion of 15 credit hours. Twelve credit hours must be completed while enrolled at The George Washington University.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Introduction to Immunologic Fundamentals (3 cr)
- Hematology I (2 cr)
- Hematology II (2 cr)
- Laboratory Operations (1 cr)

- Clinical Laboratory Management (3 cr)
- Hematology and Hemostasis Practicum (4 cr)

** Certified Medical Laboratory Technicians (MLTs) would be permitted to obtain advance standing for Hematology I and Laboratory Operations by passing waiver examinations.

Clinical Practicums

Students residing outside the DC Metropolitan area would need to complete clinical practicums in their area of residence. The applicant is required to identify potential clinical sites and contact persons. If an acceptable site cannot be identified, the applicant would not be admitted to the program or would need to come to Washington, DC for clinical practicums. Due to licensing regulations, students wishing to complete the program in California cannot be admitted.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Clinical laboratory scientists may work in hospital laboratories, physician offices, clinics, commercial and research laboratories, pharmaceutical and biotechnology firms, as well as government and public health facilities. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that employment of clinical laboratory scientists will increase 14% through the year 2016. Currently there is a shortage in many parts of the country ensuring ample employment opportunities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

For program specific questions:

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