BIOMEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

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Students in the Department of Biomedical and Health Sciences study and work at the intersection of human health, medicine, and technology. Programs offered lead to Bachelor of Science degrees in Medical Laboratory Science, Medical Radiation Sciences, and Health Sciences.

The B.S. in Medical Laboratory Science offers two concentrations: Clinical Laboratory Science or Public Health Laboratory Science.

The B.S. in Medical Radiation Science offers a clinical track in Radiation Therapy.

The B.S. in Health Sciences program offers both a four-year, residential option and a degree completion option for students who have previously earned at least one year (30 credit hours) of college credit.

All programs offer an integrated curriculum, with courses in the humanities, basic, health and medical sciences, and direct hands-on experience through clinical practica, research or field work. Students have the opportunity to interact with faculty from the department and throughout the university, including the College of Medicine. Graduates of all three programs are prepared for immediate employment in the healthcare arena, or graduate study.

Requirements for admission are the same as the general university requirements, with the addition that applicants must have taken high school biology, mathematics through trigonometry or precalculus, and chemistry; physics is highly recommended.

MAJORS
BIOMEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES MAJORS

Health Sciences B.S.

Medical Laboratory Science B.S.

Medical Radiation Sciences B.S.

GRADUATE

Human Functioning and Rehabilitation Science Ph.D.

Medical Laboratory Science M.S.

See the online Graduate Catalogue for more information.

Health Sciences Courses

HSCI 021. Introduction to Public Health. 3 Credits.
In this introductory investigation of public health, students will explore the development and scope of the discipline of public health, and issues that have been raised with regard to the practice of public health.

HSCI 090. Internship. 1-3 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

HSCI 096. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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HSCI 102. Epidemics-Dyn. of Inf. Disease. 3 Credits.
Through historical and fictional epidemics and pandemics, students will explore how the changing world has impacted the development and spread of infectious disease, and make informed decisions related to infectious disease risk at the personal, clinical, and population level.

HSCI 130. Health Promotion. 3 Credits.
An overview of health promotion across the lifespan, from local, national and global perspectives. Examination of the influences on health and risk, strategies to promote health, and evaluation of outcomes. Students will engage in 8-10 hours of service learning.

HSCI 140. Struct & Finan of US Hlthcare. 3 Credits.
Organization and financing of the U.S. health care system; discussion of current issues in health reform.

HSCI 150. Health Communication. 3 Credits.
Explore basic theories and principles of interpersonal communication in health care contexts with special focus on patient-and-family-centered care (PFCC) across multiple systems of care. Prerequisites: ENGS 001 or equivalent; minimum Sophomore standing.

HSCI 190. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

HSCI 192. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

HSCI 195. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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HSCI 197. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory-level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

HSCI 198. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

HSCI 230. Reading and Eval. Research. 3 Credits.
Critical reading and analysis of varied types of health literature and research. Discussion of research methods as they pertain to questions of interest, and evaluation of published literature. Prerequisites: Health Sciences majors; minimum Junior standing.
HSCI 240. Project Planning and Eval.. 3 Credits.
In stages, create a project proposal and evaluation plan for a health-related program. A complete proposal and evaluation plan will be required of each student as the final course outcome. Prerequisites: Health Sciences major; minimum Junior standing.

HSCI 250. Writing for Health Profess.. 3 Credits.
Review of principles of good writing with an emphasis on non-technical writing commonly used in health care organizations, and organizations that support health and health care in the U.S. and globally. Adaptation of materials for lay or low literacy audiences. Prerequisites: Health Sciences major; minimum Junior standing.

HSCI 290. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

HSCI 297. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory-level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

HSCI 298. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

Medical Lab Radiation Sci Courses

MLRS 034. Human Cell Biology. 0 or 4 Credits.
Lecture and laboratory experiences about molecular and cellular structure, function and physiology using human cells as the model.

MLRS 054. Principles of Microbiology. 3 Credits.
Lectures dealing with the structure, physiology, and control of microorganisms, in particular those of medical importance.

MLRS 056. Principles of Microbiology Lab. 1 Credit.
Laboratory experiences dealing with the structure, physiology, and control of microorganisms, particularly those of medical importance. Prerequisite: MLRS 054.

MLRS 090. Internship. 1-3 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MLRS 095. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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MLRS 096. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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MLRS 100. Phlebotomy. 1 Credit.
Basic techniques in blood collection in outpatient phlebotomy and advanced techniques in inpatient phlebotomy, including choice of anticoagulants, equipment, sterility, and protection from blood-borne pathogens. Prerequisites: MLS and MLS-PBC students only.

MLRS 140. Radiation Science. 4 Credits.
The course gives a broad based understanding of the fundamentals of radiation science including the ways in which radiation is produced and utilized, the principles of radioactive decay, radiation exposure, absorbed dose, shielding and detection of radiation. Prerequisite: Math 009 or Math 010 or Math 019 or Math 021.

MLRS 141. Advanced Radiation Science. 3 Credits.
Lecture and laboratory experiences to enhance the understanding and application of the principles of radioactive decay, radiation exposure, absorbed dose, shielding and detection of radiation. Prerequisite: MATH 009, MATH 010, MATH 019 or MATH 021.

MLRS 175. Medical Imaging. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the radiographic anatomy and the various imaging modalities presently used to include diagnostic imaging, computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), and nuclear medicine. Prerequisites: MLRS 141, RADT 152, and ANPS 020.

MLRS 188. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MLRS 190. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MLRS 193. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MLRS 195. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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MLRS 196. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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MLRS 198. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MLRS 215. CT Procedures. 3 Credits.
This course provides in-depth study of the concepts, use and practice of CT Procedures related to Nuclear Medicine Technology and Radiation Therapy. Prerequisites: ANPS 019 and ANPS 020, MLRS 175.
MLRS 242. Immunology. 3 Credits.
Deals with cells, organs, development, interactions and the functioning (infectious process, immunodeficiency, hypersensitivity reactions, transplantation and tumor immunology) of the innate and the adaptive immune system. Prerequisites: One semester of biochemistry, one semester of organic chemistry.

MLRS 244. Immunology Lab. 1 Credit.
Laboratory experience dealing with cellular and humoral immunity, B cells and T cells, autoimmunity, immunodeficiency. Laboratory covers immunological techniques and applications. Co-requisites: MLRS 242 or MMG 223.

MLRS 281. Applied Molecular Biology. 3 Credits.
Introduces students to the nucleic acid and protein-based molecular diagnostics technology through class presentation, reading, and discussions. Focuses on diagnostic applications for understanding molecular mechanisms of disease. Prerequisite: CHEM 042 or CHEM 141.

MLRS 282. Applied Molecular Biology Lab. 1 Credit.
Laboratory experiences include practical concepts of molecular applications. Introduces basic methods used in DNA and Protein technology including plasmid isolation, polymerase chain reaction, restriction enzyme use, and related assays. Prerequisite: CHEM 042 or CHEM 141. Co-requisite: MLRS 281.

MLRS 288. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MLRS 290. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MLRS 291. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MLRS 292. Leadership & Mgt in Hlth Care. 3 Credits.
Familiarizes students with operational aspects of health care management, leadership and policy. Explores current techniques in process improvement, management methodologies, and healthcare policy with a special focus on disparities in health and healthcare. Prerequisites: Minimum Junior standing; College of Nursing and Health Sciences majors.

MLRS 297. Leadership & Mgt in Hlth Care. 3 Credits.
Familiarizes students with operational aspects of health care management, leadership and policy. Explores current techniques in process improvement, management methodologies, and healthcare policy with a special focus on disparities in health and healthcare. Prerequisites: Minimum Junior standing; College of Nursing and Health Sciences majors.

MLRS 298. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MLRS 299. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Courses or seminars beyond scope of existing departmental offerings. Prerequisite: Department permission.

Medical Laboratory Science Courses

MLS 090. Internship. 1-3 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MLS 095. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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MLS 096. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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MLS 190. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MLS 191. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MLS 195. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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MLS 196. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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MLS 197. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MLS 198. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.
MLS 220. Clinical Practicum: Chemistry. 3 Credits.
Experiences in an approved clinical laboratory education site in the area of clinical chemistry. Prerequisite: Medical Laboratory Science Seniors only.

MLS 221. Clinical Chemistry I. 4 Credits.
Lectures and laboratory experiences introduce basic principles in clinical quantitative analysis and laboratory instrumentation; test results are correlated with clinical case studies. Prerequisites: ANPS 019, ANPS 020, CHEM 032; CHEM 042 or CHEM 141.

MLS 222. Clinical Chemistry II. 3 Credits.
Advanced instruction in body chemistry and pathophysiology of disease with emphasis on diagnostic lab techniques in chemistry. Prerequisites: MLS 221, PATH 101.

MLS 230. Clinical Practicum: Hematology. 3 Credits.
Experiences in approved clinical laboratory education site in the area of clinical hematology. Prerequisite: Medical Laboratory Science Seniors only.

MLS 231. Hematology. 4 Credits.
Advanced theory and analysis of blood cell physiology and related pathology. Concepts of hemostasis and clinical assessment methods. Prerequisites: One semester of organic chemistry, one semester of biochemistry.

MLS 250. Clin Practicum: Microbiology. 3 Credits.
Experiences in an approved clinical laboratory education site in the area of clinical microbiology. Prerequisite: Medical Laboratory Science Seniors only.

MLS 255. Clinical Microbiology II. 3 Credits.
Comprehensive study of non-bacterial pathogenic microorganisms and their disease states in humans. Includes medical mycology, parasitology and virology. Prerequisites: MMG 065 or MMG 101.

MLS 260. Clin Practicum: Immunohematolog. 3 Credits.
Experiences in an approved clinical laboratory education site in the area of clinical immunohematology. Prerequisite: Medical Laboratory Science Seniors only.

MLS 262. Immunohematology. 4 Credits.
Advanced theory and experience related to human blood groups and transfusion practice. Prerequisite: MLRS 242 or MMG 223.

MLS 272. MDS Practicum. 16 Credits.
Practical experiences in molecular diagnostic applications at various locations which include FAHC Laboratories, State of Vermont Health Department Laboratory and other UVM affiliate sites. Medical Laboratory Science Seniors only.

MLS 282. Public Health Lab Practicum. 12 Credits.
Public health laboratory experiences under the direction of public health scientists, performing methods for screening and diagnostic purposes as well as good public health practice. MLS Seniors.

MLS 290. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MLS 291. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MLS 292. Topics in Medical Lab Science. 3 Credits.
Seminar on topics in the practice and profession of Medical Laboratory Science. Online course. MLS majors only.

MLS 295. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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MLS 296. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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MLS 297. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MLS 298. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

Radiation Therapy Courses
RADT 090. Internship. 1-3 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

RADT 096. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Course for specific title. Offered at department discretion.

RADT 152. Prin of Radiation Therapy. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the practice and theory of radiation therapy through lectures and discussions. Prerequisite: MLRS 140.

RADT 173. Intro to Clinical Practice. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the clinical environment through activities which include patient care issues, treatment unit operations and manipulations and direct patient care. Includes a clinical practicum. Pre-requisite: RADT 152.

RADT 174. Clinical Practicum II. 2 Credits.
Students participate and observe in the University of Vermont Medical Center Radiation Therapy Department. Prerequisite: RADT 173.
RADT 176. Clinical Radiation Oncology. 3 Credits.
The various types of neoplasms, methods of diagnosis of treatment, and elementary pathology are presented. Radiation Therapy majors only. Prerequisites: ANPS 019 - ANPS 020 and concurrent enrollment in RADT 174.

RADT 190. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

RADT 192. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
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RADT 196. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Course for specific title. Offered at department discretion.

RADT 197. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

RADT 198. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

RADT 199. Clinical Practicum. 2 Credits.
Radiation Therapy students actively participate in the delivery of radiation therapy at the Department of Radiation Oncology at the University of Vermont Medical Center. Students will also rotate through other areas in the hospital pertinent to their profession. Prerequisite: RADT 173.

RADT 223. Clinical Practicum III. 3 Credits.
A continuation of RADT 174 emphasizing increasing clinical capabilities. Prerequisite: RADT 174.

RADT 244. Essentials of Patient Care. 3 Credits.
Presents all aspects of care associated with the treatment of cancer when patients receive Radiation Therapy. Prerequisites: RADT 152 and RADT 173. Co-requisites: RADT 174 and RADT 176; RADT majors only.

RADT 270. Dosimetry Concepts. 3 Credits.
This course introduces students to dosimetry, treatment planning and quality assurance concepts to prepare for clinical Dosimetry rotations. Pre/co-requisites: MLRS 140, MLRS 141, MLRS 175, MLRS 215; RADT 174, RADT 176.

RADT 274. Clinical Practicum IV. 14 Credits.
Students are assigned to approved clinical education sites to observe and increase their participation in the clinical environment. Evaluations based on defined clinical objectives and competencies to be completed by the clinical and University faculty. RADT majors only. Prerequisite: Successful completion of all previous required major courses and concurrent enrollment in RADT 280. Spring.

RADT 275. Dosimetry. 3 Credits.
Treatment plan verification using three-dimensional computer models, simulation data, and knowledge of treatment unit capabilities. RADT majors only. Prerequisites: RADT Senior Standing.

RADT 277. Techniques Radiation Therapy. 4 Credits.
Instructs students in advanced theory and clinical application of radiotherapeutic techniques. Radiation Therapy majors only. Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in RADT 223 and RADT 275.

RADT 278. Senior Seminar in Rad Therapy. 2 Credits.
Evaluate current trends in advanced treatment techniques with the premise of clinical research and modern technology used in oncology. Helps prepare students for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists national certification exam. Prerequisites: RADT 244, RADT 275. Co-requisites: RADT 223, RADT 277.

RADT 280. Qual Assurance&Treatment Plan. 3 Credits.
The integration of clinical oncology, radiobiology, dosimetry, and treatment planning, and how they affect patient outcomes. Co-requisite: RADT 274.

RADT 290. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

RADT 292. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
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RADT 296. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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RADT 297. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

RADT 298. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.