

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
MEDICAL BRANCH AT GALVESTON  
SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES  
([www.shp.utmb.edu/cls](http://www.shp.utmb.edu/cls))**

**AND**

**VICTORIA COLLEGE  
MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM  
([www.victoriacollege.edu](http://www.victoriacollege.edu))**

## PURPOSE OF PROGRAM

To provide an opportunity for qualified students who have identified Clinical Laboratory Sciences as a career choice to receive early acceptance into the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB) Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences (CLS) Program towards completion of their Bachelor's of Science degree.

## ADMISSIONS POLICY

1. Student applies and is admitted to Victoria College.
2. Student satisfies the following requirements for acceptance into the UTMB CLS Program:
  - a. Student meets entry criteria established by Victoria College.
  - b. Acceptable pre-entry interview by the faculty of the UTMB CLS Program at Victoria College or The University of Texas Medical Branch, during the first semester of the student's sophomore year. This interview is to determine the student's motivation for the CLS health profession, to assess personal qualities deemed valuable to the CLS health profession, to familiarize the student with their UTMB CLS Program, and to allow the student to assess whether such a Program is suited to them.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

1. The student enters the Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) Program curriculum designed by Victoria College that shall include the minimal course requirements as outlined below by the UTMB CLS Program. The student is encouraged to take as many courses in the sciences as possible but should realize that a strong liberal arts background is important for the development of well-rounded and successful health professions students and practitioners.
2. Participants in the early acceptance program will be assigned an advisor at UTMB to provide the student with a personal contact during the initial course of study at Victoria College. The advisor will also aid the student in the timely completion of processes, such as completing UTMB admissions procedures.
3. The Fall/Spring before expected matriculation into the UTMB-CLS program, the student applies to UTMB using the online application, submits all required documentation including transcripts, letters of reference, and other items as requested.

4. Following successful completion of the required MLT curriculum and UTMB CLS prerequisites at Victoria College, the student will enroll in the UTMB CLS Program, contingent upon the following:
  - a. A grade of “C” or better in all required MLT and prerequisite courses.
  - b. A cumulative GPA of 2.80 or above for all courses taken in the two year curriculum.
  - c. A cumulative GPA of 2.80 or above for all required science courses.
  - d. MLT certification by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists.
  - e. A positive recommendation by the UTMB CLS Program Admissions Committee.
  - f. A positive record of ethical behavior during enrollment at Victoria College.
5. Enrollment in the UTMB CLS Program may be permitted after completion of the required MLT curriculum, but before completion of all the required UTMB CLS prerequisites, contingent upon the following:
  - a. The student successfully completes the following prerequisites:
    - i. CHEM 1411 – General Chemistry I
    - ii. CHEM 1412 – General Chemistry II
  - b. The conditions from Paragraphs 4a – 3f above are satisfied.
6. Repetition of courses may be considered acceptable if, in the opinion of the UTMB CLS Program Admissions Committee, the number of these courses is not excessive. All grades of a repeated course are calculated into the student’s overall GPA (not simply the latest or best grade).
7. Following successful completion of the combined four-year curriculum at Victoria College and UTMB, the student will be granted a Bachelor of Science degree in Clinical Laboratory Sciences.
8. Victoria College agrees to make information about this joint agreement available in the current Victoria student catalog.
9. *Students who do not fulfill the requirements of this early acceptance program are in no way precluded from applying to the UTMB CLS Program through the usual process.*

#### TERMINATION OF JOINT AGREEMENT

Either party may initiate termination of this joint agreement. Written notice of intent to terminate must be delivered to the other party at least 180 days prior to the effective date of termination. Students enrolled in this early acceptance program at the time of termination of this joint agreement will be given the opportunity to complete the program in its entirety.

## CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

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*This transfer guide is based on the degree requirements of the UTMB 2009-2019 Catalog and is subject to change. Equivalent courses listed below are the recommended guidelines to satisfy UTMB Program prerequisites; alternate courses may be acceptable. It is the responsibility of the student to verify the applicability of this information with both institutions.*

CLS Prerequisite	Credit Hours	VC Equivalent	VC Description
English Composition & Literature *	9	ENGL 1301 ENGL 1302 + 3 hours ENGL +	Composition & Rhetoric I Composition & Rhetoric II 3 hours English
US History *	6	HIST 1301 + HIST 1302 +	US History I US History II
US & Texas Government *	6	GOVT 2301 + GOVT 2302 +	U.S. & Texas Government American National Govnmt
Biological Sciences †	8	MLAB 1231 MLAB 1227	Parasitology / Mycology Coagulation
General Microbiology †	4	BIOL 2420	General Microbiology
General Chemistry †	8	CHEM 1411 + CHEM 1412 +	General Chemistry I General Chemistry II
Mathematics ‡	3	MATH 1314	College Algebra
Social Sciences	3	3 hours Social Science	Social Science Elective
Humanities *	3	3 hours of Humanities	Humanities Elective
Fine Arts *	3	3 hours of Fine Arts+	Fine Arts Elective
Human Physiology †	3	BIOL 2404	Intro Anatomy & Phys.
Elective	4	HITT 1211	Computers in Health Care

\* Texas General Education Core Curriculum requirement

† Biology and Chemistry Science courses should be offerings for science majors and include laboratories. To receive 4 hours general chemistry credit, both CHEM 1405 and CHEM 1407 must be taken or CHEM 1411.

‡ Mathematics must be College Algebra or higher.

+ Courses listed in red are additional requirements to the VC MLT Program curriculum.

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WITH VICTORIA COLLEGE**

**Courses Accepted For Substitution and/or Challenge**

The following courses offered at Victoria College will be substituted for UTMB CLS courses if a grade of "C" or higher has been received:

Victoria College	UTMB	Credit
MLAB 1201 Intro to CLS	CLLS 3200 Basic Methods and Introduction to Lab Operations	2
MLAB 1311 Urinalysis and Body Fluids	CLLS 3331 UA, Body Fluids and Parasitology	3
MLAB 2434 Microbiology	CLLS 3405 Intermediate Pathogenic Microbiology	4
MLAB 1415 Hematology	CLLS 3417 Hematology I	4
MLAB 1335 Immunology/Serology	CLLS 3310 Serology/Blood Bank	3
MLAB 2401 Chemistry MLAB 2371 Advanced Topics I	CLLS 3514 Clinical Chemistry I	5

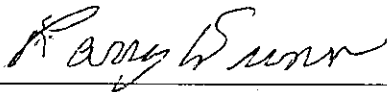
Challenge Examinations can be taken for all CLLS courses.

**LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAMS**

Within Allied Health Education in Texas: Guiding Concept for the Eighties (Coordinating Board Study Paper 29), recommendation number 13 states that career mobility should be emphasized in planning all Allied Health Degree Programs. Thus, this approach to career ladder concept is being implemented as a formal agreement maximizing career mobility for students in these college Programs.

The University of Texas Medical Branch will accept 81 semester credit hours from Victoria College curriculum towards a baccalaureate degree in Clinical Laboratory Sciences.

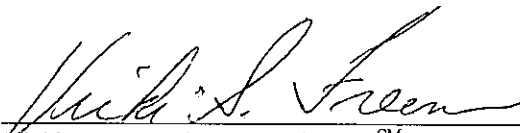
Listed above are the courses accepted for transfer from Victoria College to the Clinical Laboratory Sciences Program at the University of Texas Medical Branch.



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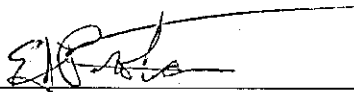
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