

**Nebraska Methodist Hospital
Medical Laboratory Science Program
Policies**

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SUBJECT: Applied Learning Experiences

PURPOSE: To describe the overall applied clinical learning experiences for MLS Program students.

SCOPE: MLS Program Students

The Medical Laboratory Science program is dedicated to providing quality education for their students. Participation in the practical aspects of the laboratory is an essential portion of our educational process. In a busy clinical laboratory, the best source of practical experience is patient work. To this end, supervised experiences are provided, allowing the students the opportunity to participate in the clinical aspects of the laboratory. This adds a personal dimension to the educational process, which is essential for the development of a professional laboratorian. The program has developed these guidelines for the Medical Laboratory Science student's applied learning experiences.

1. The clinical instructors will direct student clinical rotations and ensure each student is adequately supervised at all times. Student learning experiences will be properly sequenced, educational, and balanced so the program competencies can be achieved. Under qualified supervision, students will be permitted to perform procedures after demonstrating proficiency.
2. Students shall not be substituted for laboratory employees/personnel to perform direct patient and/or reportable work during their applied learning experiences.
3. Any applied learning experience performed outside academic hours is noncompulsory.
4. If applicable, the program will justify the necessity for learning experiences outside the "normal" program hours through unique objectives.