

Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science Société canadienne de science de laboratoire médical

Educator Committee Meeting Summary Report December 6, 2024 – Zoom Virtual

Welcome

The Chair welcomed committee members and hosted introductions for new and existing Committee Members including Madison Sielski, incoming Chair for the Educator Committee.

MLA Competency Profile

 Discussed the 2024 MLA Competency Profile SIM document that will be worked on by the MLA Exam Panel for curriculum and EQual accreditation visits

Admission Requirements/Attrition for MLA and MLTG

- Vanessa from NBCC is seeking data about admission policy and student attrition
 - Interested to know if changes in admission made a difference in student attrition, does CSMLS or other educational programs have data showing this?
- Curriculum development for both MLA/MLT programs was also discussed

CSMLS Virtual Education Symposium

 Education Symposium on July 23, 2025 will focus on universal design learning, which will include principles for clinical placements

Round Table Discussion

- General questions from committee members regarding the MLTG competency profile
- The group was encouraged to contact exam@csmls.org about accommodation requests to receive their accommodation guideline ahead of time to be sure the student's request is considered before registration opens
- Challenges related to budgets and financial concerns are impacting programs; consumables, simulation, shipping, and equipment seem to be top factors
- Members shared on their current practices (in weeks) relating to simulation and clinical, also that CSMLS MLTG documents on simulation has been helpful in designing their program curriculums

Conclusion

Madison and Tino thanked members and encouraged everyone to add discussion items to the next meeting's agenda by emailing Madison or the CSMLS office

Present: Madison Sielski, (New Chair) Valentin (Tino) Villatoro (Previous Chair), Danny Rowsell, Angela Yim, Diana Christianson, Vanessa Sweet, Megan Spencer, Juelle Wickenden

CSMLS staff: Denise Neutel, Christine Nielsen, Chantelle Habran

Guest: Allie Shields (CSMLS Chair)