

General Medical Laboratory Technologist- Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Outcomes

This chart is to be used as a **guideline** for determining equivalency to a Canadian trained General Medical Laboratory Technologist.

Medical Laboratory Science* (MLS) theoretical education, clinical education, and clinical work experience includes the following five (5) disciplines, as they relate to humans: **Immunohematology** (Transfusion Science/Blood Bank), **Clinical Chemistry**, **Clinical Microbiology**, **Hematology**, and **Histology** (see the CSMLS Competency Profiles).

Canadian MLS Regulatory bodies recognize recency as being 0-5 years and require proficiency in English, Canadian Language Benchmark 8, for admittance to the CSMLS National Certification Examination.

Canadian Equivalent diploma/degree in Medical Laboratory Science (MLS)				
Theoretical Education Recency	Clinical Education/Internship Recency	Clinical Work Experience Recency	Outcome	Learning Plan
CSMLS RECOGNIZED (five (5) MLS disciplines)				
≤ 5 years MLS	≤ 5 years	≤ 5 years	Equivalent	N/A
≤ 5 years MLS	None	≤ 5 years		
> 5 years MLS	> 5 years	≤ 5 years		
> 5 years MLS	None	≤ 5 years		
CSMLS PARTIAL RECOGNITION*				
Five (5) disciplines:				
> 5 years MLS	> 5 years	> 5 years	Not Equivalent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refresher or Subject Specific course(s) required
> 5 years MLS	> 5 years	None		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refresher or Subject Specific course(s) required
> 5 years MLS	None	> 5 years		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refresher course(s) required • Clinical training recommended
Four (4) disciplines:				
Recency: any of the above			Not Equivalent, 1 Comprehensive gap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comprehensive courses required • Clinical training recommended
CSMLS NOT RECOGNIZED				
≤ 5 years MLS	None	None	Not Equivalent	Full EQual™ accredited Canadian program (bridging programs are NOT acceptable for this requirement)
Other: No MLS or 1-3 disciplines	Other: No MLS or 1-3 disciplines	None		
Other: No MLS or 1-3 Disciplines	Other: No MLS or 1-3 disciplines	≤ 5 years		

*Certification obtained by ASCP or AMT (within the last 5 years) will be considered.

“≤” means less than or equal to; “>” means greater than