

## 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
<b>CSMLS RECOGNIZED (five (5) MLS disciplines)</b>				
≤ 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		
<b>CSMLS PARTIAL RECOGNITION*</b>				
<b>Five (5) disciplines:</b>				
> 5 years MLS	> 5 years	> 5 years	Not Equivalent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refresher or Subject specific Course required</li> </ul>
> 5 years MLS	> 5 years	None		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refresher or Subject Specific Course required</li> </ul>
> 5 years MLS	None	> 5 years		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refresher required</li> <li>• Clinical training recommended</li> </ul>
<b>Four (4) disciplines:</b>				
Recency: any of the above			Not Equivalent, 1 Comprehensive gap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 theory courses required (one from 2 different institutions)</li> <li>• Clinical training recommended</li> </ul>
<b>CSMLS NOT RECOGNIZED</b>				
≤ 5 years MLS	None	None	Not Equivalent	Full-time program
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 AMT, NCA or ASCP (within the last 5 years) will be considered.

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