

MLT Advisory Meeting

April 14, 2026

6:30 PM

JALC F109

Meeting called by: Michelle Lampley

Type of meeting: Annual Advisory Council

Attendees: Katie Ital

Minutes

MLT Curriculum

Presenter: Michelle Lampley

Discussion:

The revised curriculum was implemented in Fall 2025. Due to the transition, adjustments were necessary for the cohort already in their second year. For this group, hematology continued to be taught with coagulation integrated, as they had already completed the semester in which coagulation is now scheduled under the new curriculum. Maintaining this structure ensured continuity and avoided disruption to their progression. Under the revised sequence, first-year students are currently enrolled in coagulation during the second semester and will complete hematology as a standalone course in the third semester without coagulation integration. Parasitology continues to be taught in the fourth semester. Following the initial implementation of the coagulation course, it was determined that the content is better aligned with a 1.5-credit-hour course than with a 3-credit-hour course. This adjustment will take effect the next time the course is offered in Spring 2027. The revised curriculum was implemented in Fall 2025. Due to the transition, adjustments were necessary for the cohort already in their second year. For this group, hematology continued to be taught with coagulation integrated, as they had already completed the semester in which coagulation is now scheduled under the new curriculum. Maintaining this structure ensured continuity and avoided disruption to their progression. Under the revised sequence, first-year students are currently enrolled in coagulation during the second semester and will complete hematology as a standalone course in the third semester without coagulation integration. Parasitology continues to be taught in the fourth semester. Following the initial implementation of the coagulation course, it was determined that the content is better aligned with a 1.5-credit-hour course than with a 3-credit-hour course. This adjustment will take effect the next time the course is offered in Spring 2027.

Conclusions:

At this time, no changes are deemed necessary.

Agenda item: Student program evaluations/surveys

Presenter: Michelle Lampley

Discussion:

There were no graduates in 2025 due to the transfer of program sponsorship; therefore, no student or employer survey data are available to report. Institutional Research at John A. Logan College developed the student and employer surveys using SurveyMonkey. These surveys will be distributed six months after the May 2026 graduating cohort.

Conclusions:

Continue to emphasize the importance of student feedback. Remind employers to complete and return surveys during clinical site visits.

Agenda item: Student Stats (Pass rates, Grad Placement, & Retention)

Presenter: Michelle Lampley

Discussion:

Due to the transfer of sponsorship, there were no graduates in 2025; therefore, no ASCP or other certification pass rates are available to report. The most recent reported data is from 2024, with a 100% pass rate.

Conclusions:

Continue to monitor certification pass rates for the May 2026 graduating cohort and reinforce the expectation that students complete their certification exams promptly after graduation.

Agenda item: Employment Outlook

Presenter: Michelle Lampley

Discussion:

There continues to be a strong demand for Medical Laboratory Technicians both locally and nationwide. Representatives from Deaconess, SIH, and SSM have visited second-year students to support recruitment efforts. At this time, only one student has not yet committed to an employer. Katie Ital reported current and anticipated openings at the VA in Marion. In preparation for the August 2026 cohort, Michelle plans to contact students who were not accepted into other programs to help fill any remaining MLT program seats. A total of 14 students applied to the MLT program for August 2026; of those, five also applied to other programs. Final acceptance numbers are expected to be available soon.

Conclusions: Continue to promote the MLT program through participation in college fairs, ROE events, and presentations at local high schools.

Agenda item: Accreditation

Presenter: Michelle Lampley

Discussion:

A 10-year accreditation award was granted in 2020. A five-year interim report was submitted in 2024 and was accepted without issue. Due to the transfer of sponsorship to John A. Logan College, a progress report is required in April 2026, with results anticipated in August or September 2026. The program has not received any deficiencies and remains well positioned for the 2029 self-study and 2030 site visit.

Conclusions:

No changes are necessary at this time.

Agenda item: Open Discussion

Presenter: Michelle Lampley

Discussion:

All educational materials are required to be ADA-compliant by April 24, 2026. This review process is currently in progress. Katie also reported that the hospital is completing similar updates to its training and competency materials.

Conclusions:

At this time, no changes are deemed necessary.

Other Information

N/A