Application Instructions and Information

Application materials are accepted starting **August 1** and all material must be received by **October 1**.

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

| Program Director   | Cassie Hartgrave, MPH, MLS(ASCP)  
|                   | 319-369-7428 |
| Program Address    | 1026 A Ave NE  
|                   | Cedar Rapids, IA |
| Program Dates      | Mid-August thru Mid-May |
| Tuition            | $7500.00 (includes books) |

**AFFILIATED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

1. Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA
2. Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA
3. Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, IA
4. Luther College, Decorah, IA
5. Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
6. Mount Mercy University, Cedar Rapids, IA
7. North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND
8. St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN
9. University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
10. Wartburg College, Waverly, IA

**APPLICATION MATERIAL**

Send all application material to Cassie Hartgrave, MLS Program Director, at the address listed above:

- **Official Application**- available on the program website; complete, print and sign before mailing
- A non-refundable **application fee of $50**, payable to St. Luke’s Hospital MLS Program
- **Essential Requirements**- available on the program website; review, print and sign before mailing
- **Official College/University transcripts**- must have a 2.50 GPA to be considered
- **Reference forms (3)**- available on the program website. Instructions are included on who to complete and send. Two of the references are to be from college science professors or clinical laboratory science advisors and the third reference from a former/current employer.
INTERVIEW

An interview will be granted after all application material has been evaluated and application is deemed eligible for an interview. The program selection committee reserves the right to limit the number of interviews granted.

PREREQUISITES FOR ADMISSION

- Overall GPA of 2.50, GPA of 2.50 in required science courses
- Complete all prerequisites before entrance into the program, courses may be in progress at the time of application
- Required Biology courses
  - General Biology
  - Microbiology
  - Human Anatomy/Physiology
  - Genetics or Molecular Biology
- Required Chemistry courses
  - General Chemistry
  - Organic Chemistry
  - Biochemistry
- One college level mathematics or statistics class
- Recommended Courses (not required)
  - Parasitology
  - Hematology
  - Immunology
  - Analytical or Instrumental Chemistry
  - Medical Terminology
- The majority of sciences classes should have been completed in within the last five years
- Applicants possessing a foreign baccalaureate degree must have their transcript evaluated by an agency in the U.S. and obtained admission to an accredited graduate program in a college or university within the United States.
- Non-US applicants must possess the appropriate VISA and documentation allowing them to complete the clinical program. The program does not provide VISA sponsorship.

SELECTION PROCESS

Application eligibility does not entitle an applicant to an interview or acceptance into the program.

- Selection is based on application/essay, cumulative GPA, science GPA, overall academic progress, references, and interview.
- Applications postmarked after October 1 may be considered if openings in the program remain after all qualified applicants have been placed.
- All applicants will be notified no later than December 1 of their status

Questions, please contact, Cassie Hartgrave, MLS Program Director