

## Frequently Asked Questions about the Online MLT Program

### **Is the program accredited?**

Yes, the program is fully accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences; 5600 N. River Rd., Suite 720, Rosemont, IL 60018-5119 773.714.8880

<http://www.naacls.org>

### **Do you accept students from outside Minnesota?**

Yes. Students in Hibbing Community College's Online MLT Program come from all across the country.

### **Can international students apply?**

Yes, if you meet the application requirements. But this has proved to be very difficult. You must perform your laboratory competencies in a clinical laboratory that is accredited by U.S. standards JCHAO, CAP, COLA, or CLIA. For more information about International Applications, contact our Admissions Department.

### **How long does it take to complete the program?**

The program is sequenced into cohorts and can be completed in 3 years. The Online MLT program takes 3 years because, taking into account your very busy lives, you take an average of 6 – 8 credits per semester rather than the 16 – 18 credits of a full-time load. 6 - 8 credits each semester will keep you more than busy!

### **I understand that all of the MLT program courses are online. What about the general education and support courses?**

All of the course requirements for the A.A.S degree are offered online.

### **Do I ever have to come to campus?**

No, but we encourage you to come and celebrate your graduation during our commencement exercises!

### **What about tests? Won't I have to go to campus to take tests?**

No. Some courses may require that tests or other assignments be proctored at a location convenient to you. Information about test proctoring and acceptable test sites can be found at:

[http://hibbing.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/hibbing.cfg/php/enduser/std\\_adp.php?p\\_faqid=389](http://hibbing.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/hibbing.cfg/php/enduser/std_adp.php?p_faqid=389)

### **I have an unpredictable work schedule. Will I have to be online at a specific time and day?**

No. All communication within the online courses is asynchronous, that is, by message centers and email. Students can log on and participate when it is most convenient for them.

### **How can I get help if I need it?**

Course instructors interact directly with students typically through e-mail, instant messaging, and online discussion boards. Each instructor will post information about the best method to contact them in the course materials.

You can contact the school's academic counselors for help if you are feeling overwhelmed or just need to talk about how things are going. Online tutoring services are also available.

**I have already earned credits at another college. Will those credits transfer?**

Credits earned at accredited colleges and universities usually transfer. You will need to submit an official transcript from each college you attended. Your transcripts will then be evaluated by one of our transfer specialists in our counseling office.

**What are tuition costs? Is financial aid available?**

Current tuition and fees can be found at: <http://www.hibbing.edu/admissions-tuition-and-fees.html>

Financial aid is available for online students. Please visit the financial aid website at:

<http://www.hibbing.edu/financial-aid-overview>

**How do I apply for the MLT Online program?**

Application procedures can be found on our website at: <http://www.hibbing.edu/admissions-howto-apply.html>

It is important that you make it clear to our admissions department that you are applying for the **Online MLT program**.

**When do classes begin?**

You can begin the Online Program in any semester providing the maximum student enrollment (25 students) has not been reached.

Class size is limited and to assure yourself a spot, apply early.

**For More Information**

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