

Course Outline

The Practicum component provides an opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge acquired during the program. It gives students first-hand experience in both private and public sector labs. The four week, full-time, day-time practicum is held in March to April. Practicum sites are arranged by Camosun College.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course the student will be able to:

1. Apply the skills and knowledge acquired during the MLA Program, in a safe and professional manner
2. Perform the role of the MLA in hospital and community medical laboratories and within the context of the health care system
3. Follow legal and ethical guidelines in performance of duties as a MLA
4. Demonstrate effective communication skills with patients and members of the health care team
5. Perform duties in a manner that assures and improves quality health care
6. Use knowledge of human anatomy and physiology to perform tasks in a safe and appropriate manner
7. Define and use correct terminology related to measurements used in the laboratory
8. Practice principles of laboratory safety and infection control
9. Practice the correct procedures and techniques in obtaining blood and other specimens for analysis in the medical laboratory
10. Demonstrate how to prepare specimens for distribution to analytical laboratory departments
11. Demonstrate use and care of laboratory equipment
12. Demonstrate correct procedure for performance of an electrocardiogram (ECG)

This is four (4) weeks, full-time, day-time; with two (2) weeks spent at each site, hospital and community, between March and April. The practicum must be completed in the time period scheduled for the course – individual schedules cannot be accommodated.

- Information regarding dress code for practicum sites will be given by Practicum Manager.
- You will be expected to conduct yourselves in a professional manner and adhere to site safety policies.
- Evaluation criteria and the practicum schedule will be provided by Practicum Manager separately.
- Criminal Record Check: *The Criminal Record Review Act requires that students registered in a post secondary program where they may be working with children and/or vulnerable adults, must have a criminal record check done through the B.C. Government's Criminal Record Review program. The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Policing and Community Safety Branch / Ministry of Justice is the authorized body under the Act to make the determination of risk. Any student found to be at risk by the Ministry will not be able to participate in clinical/practicum*

experiences, and may therefore be unable to complete the program. Information regarding application for the appropriate Criminal Record Check will be provided during the first months of class, prior to the practicum. Students are responsible for all associated costs. Note: Any Criminal Record Checks done outside of the College will not be accepted and will result in additional cost to the student.

Evaluation

You will be evaluated on your two weeks at each of your practicum sites. The mark for each site visit will contribute 50% towards your final grade for the Practicum course. **You must successfully complete at both sites.** Students must successfully obtain a “COM” grade

More details concerning the evaluations will be given to you by the Practicum Manager.

The Practicum course is graded using Camosun College's Competency Based Grading System. This grading system is based on satisfactory acquisition of defined skills or successful completion of the course learning outcomes.

Grade	Description
COM	The student has met the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
DST	The student has met and exceeded, above and beyond expectation, the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
NC	The student has not met the goals, criteria or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.