

DISCONTINUANCE OF THE POST-BACHELOR’S CERTIFICATE IN CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the discontinuance of the Post-Bachelor’s Certificate in Clinical Laboratory Science, effective immediately following approval.

Program Description

The Post-Bachelor’s Certificate in Clinical Laboratory Science (CLS) was offered to students holding a baccalaureate degree in CLS/Medical Technology (MT) but did not have all the requirements (mainly a clinical experiential sequence) to take the CLS or MT certification exam. Students completing the Certificate program were eligible to sit for the national examination leading to professional certification.

Background

The Post-Bachelor’s Certificate in Clinical Laboratory Science program was open only to graduates of baccalaureate programs (in CLS/MT) who met certain admission requirements: overall cumulative g.p.a of 2.75 or better, a 2.75 or better combined science g.p.a., and grades of “C” or better in all professional courses. A minimum of 24 credit hours (18 at WSU) were required to complete the Certificate. A clinical experiential sequence accounted for the 18 credits at WSU.

The Post-Bachelor’s Certificate in Clinical Laboratory Science was intended for students who already had a bachelor’s degree but needed to complete the clinical experiences in order to qualify to take the national board exam for professional certification. The number of students interested in this certificate program has decreased significantly over the years as the pool of non-certified laboratory scientists decreased in number. In addition, the popularity of the WSU baccalaureate program grew requiring dedication of the available clinical sites to students in the degree program.

The Clinical Laboratory Sciences program will not offer or award the Certificate in the future. The 2011-2013 Undergraduate Bulletin does not mention the Certificate program. The final student was admitted into the program in 2008 and awarded the Certificate in 2009.

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
#Registered	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
#Awarded Cert	1	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

Approvals

The discontinuance of this Certificate has been approved by the faculty of the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Karen Apolloni, Director of the Clinical Laboratory Sciences program, Peter Frade, Chair of the Department of Fundamental and Applied Sciences, Howard Normile, Associate Dean for Health Sciences, and Cathy Lysack, Acting Dean.