

Limited Admissions Program Course Equivalencies

Effective for all course work completed by applicants in the following terms: Fall 2009, Spring 2010, and Summer 2010

Please see the NIU *Undergraduate Catalog* for specific admission information.

**Clinical Laboratory Sciences Major
School of Allied Health Professions
Pre-Clinical Laboratory Sciences
815-753-1382**

www.niu.edu/ahcd/undergrad/clinical_lab.shtml

1. Students must be admitted to NIU and have completed, or be in the process of completing, a minimum of **nine of the prerequisite courses** listed below at the time of application.
2. **All 14 of the prerequisite courses listed below must be completed by the beginning of the fall semester with a minimum GPA of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale** (as calculated by NIU). Admission is competitive and will be based primarily on the GPA in the prerequisite courses and secondarily on the overall GPA. **Transfer students** are encouraged to contact a program advisor before enrolling to determine whether prior course work satisfies prerequisites. **In rare instances**, a student with a GPA of less than 2.50/4.00 may be admitted to the program on the basis of other demonstrated strengths.
3. **Clinical or Medical Laboratory Technicians** with an associate's degree and appropriate certification as granted by either the National Credentialing Agency or the American Society for Clinical Pathology are offered the option of taking the junior level courses without the laboratory components if the student has at least two years of clinical laboratory working experience. Students must demonstrate the competencies required of all Pre-Clinical Laboratory Science majors and be formally admitted into the major. Students must earn a grade of C or better in AHLS 301, AHLS 302, AHLS 308, AHLS 311, AHLS 312, AHLS 336, AHLS 337, AHLS 344, AHCD 440, UHHS 460 and either AHLS 446 or IHHS 450. These students will receive 14 semester hours of proficiency credit and complete one semester of clinical practice.
4. All students who meet the above requirements will be required to:
 - a) Submit a completed **Clinical Laboratory Sciences program application**. (**Transfer students** must contact the Clinical Laboratory Sciences program office for application materials – 815-753-1382.)
 - b) Provide a **brief written statement** explaining why the Clinical Laboratory Science major was chosen.
 - c) Provide **two letters of recommendation** from Science and/or Clinical Laboratory Sciences faculty who are familiar with the applicant's classroom and/or laboratory abilities.

<u>NIU Courses</u>	<u>Prairie State Equivalents</u>
AHCD 318 Medical Terminology (3)	N/A
BIOS 208 Fundamentals of Biology I (3) and	N/A
BIOS 210 Fundamentals of Biology I Laboratory (1)	N/A
BIOS 209 Fundamentals of Biology II (3) and	N/A
BIOS 211 Fundamentals of Biology II Laboratory (1)	N/A
BIOS 213 Introductory Bacteriology (3) or	BIOL 211
BIOS 313 Microbiology (4)	BIOL 211
BIOS 357 Human Anatomy and Physiology (5)	BIOL 221 & 222
CHEM 210 General Chemistry I (3) and	CHEM 110
CHEM 212 General Chemistry Laboratory I (1)	CHEM 110
CHEM 211 General Chemistry II (3) and	CHEM 130
CHEM 213 General Chemistry Laboratory II (1)	CHEM 130
CHEM 230 Introductory Organic Chemistry (3) and	N/A
CHEM 231 Introductory Organic Chemistry Laboratory (1)	N/A
STAT 208 Basic Statistics (3)	MATH 115

Program application deadline: March 1

Notification of program admission status will be made by April 1.

Additional applications may be considered between March 2 and June 15 based upon space availability.

Transfer students must contact the Clinical Laboratory Sciences program for additional required application materials: 815-753-1382.