

GPTC MLT Program: Frequently Asked Questions

Is the GPTC MLT program an accredited program?

Answer: The MLT program is accredited by the *National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)*
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Do I need to apply to the college or just to the program?

Answer: You need to first apply to the college. To be considered for the MLT program, you must have been first accepted to the GPTC.

Do I need to submit my official transcripts to the MLT program?

Answer: No. You submit an official transcript to the college, not to the program.

If I have already completed all the prerequisite courses, can I directly apply to the program?

Answer: No. Whether you have all the prerequisites or not, you must first be accepted to the GPTC.

Do I need to complete two separate applications?

Answer: Yes. Once accepted to the GPTC, you would also need to complete program-specific application and meet with MLT faculty to obtain program-specific information and complete your application.

How often do you accept students per year?

Answer: The program has only one entry per year. The program starts is in the fall of each year.

When is the application deadline?

Answer: May 15 is the application deadline for the fall 2020 program start. Check the college/program website for updates.

If I applied to the program in the past, do I need to resubmit my application again?

Answer: Yes, the program application is considered on a yearly basis.

When do you accept application for the upcoming program start?

Answer: Application is accepted between September 02, 2019, and May 15, 2020.

I completed all the prerequisite courses as part of my biology degree about 12 years ago. Do I still need to repeat the prerequisite courses?

Answer: All science courses must be less than 10 years. No expiration for non-science courses.

Do I have to complete all the prerequisites courses in order to be accepted into the MLT program?

Answer: Yes. The program uses GPA based competitive admission. The grades in prerequisite courses are the basis for admission. Unless we have fewer applicants than we have a spot for, you must have completed all the prerequisite courses to be considered for program admission.

I am a transfer student from another MLT program. Do I have to repeat the program courses I already took?

Answer: Program courses have a 1-year expiration window. Any program course older than 1 year must be repeated. GPTC has a 25% residency requirement

Do you require a TEAS test as part of your program admission?

Answer: No test is required. We use GPA based competitive admission.

What if my GPA is low?

Answer: Competitive admission implies that priority is given to candidates with the highest GPA. Applicants will be ranked by admission GPA, from highest to lowest. The 24 candidates with the highest GPA are accepted and notified via school email.

When will I know if I am accepted into the program or not?

Answer: Candidate will be notified of admission status after the application period is closed.

If I am accepted, do I have to buy a uniform?

Answer: A uniform is required. Refer to MLT student policy handbook regarding dress code and other requirements.

How long is the program itself?

The program is 5-semester long, beyond the 27 credit hours of prerequisite courses. 3 Semester of didactic and 2 semester clinical rotations.

Can I take fewer or more courses in a semester?

Answer: MLT program courses must be taken and passed sequentially. Completion of all didactic courses required for clinical assignment.

Is the program covered by financial aid?

Answer: Yes. For details and specific financial aid information, consult with a financial aid advisor.

Do you require a background check and drug screen?

Answer: Yes, background checks and drug screens are required by the clinical sites.

Do you require immunization as part of the admission criteria?

Answer: No. You are not required to have all the immunization to start in the program. However, completion of immunization/health form is a requirement for the clinical assignment.

Do you require an essay writing or an interview as part of the admission process?

Answer: Neither essay nor interview is required for program admission.

Do you conduct an information session?

Answer: There is a mandatory orientation session. If your application is complete, you will receive an email notification regarding the date and time of the upcoming orientation.

Do you offer MLT program courses on weekends/evenings?

Answer: Currently, the program courses are offered during weekdays, Monday to Thursday, between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm. However, the clinical portion of the program is Monday-to-Friday, 8 hours a day for two semesters.

Do I have to find my own internship site?

Clinical placement is handled by the Program faculty and the education coordinator of the affiliate hospitals.

How long is the clinical internship?

The clinical practicum is two semesters long.

Is it a paid internship?

Answer: Clinical practicum is the continuation of the didactic training. Students who have successfully completed the didactic portion of the training will be assigned to any of the affiliate hospitals or references laboratories. The trainee-students learn and perform hands on real-world laboratory procedures under the supervision of

credentialed Medical Laboratory Scientist or Medical Laboratory Technician. This non-paid, on the job training, prepares student for an entry level position by honing the individual's technical, critical thinking, and problem solving skills.

When is your clinical internship?

Upon successful completion of the didactic portion and submission of all the required health forms, background and drug screens, students will be assigned to one of the affiliate hospitals in the Atlanta area for two semesters of clinical practicum. Students also take an online certification review course during the last semester of the clinical rotation.