

## Overview of Ohio Licensing Process for Foreign Educated Medical Laboratory Scientist (MLS)

### American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP): Foreign Education

Ohio does not have a state licensure process for a Medical Laboratory Scientist. Employers recognize the **national certification** through the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP).

**MLS** requires a bachelor's. To find an accredited program in Ohio visit [www.naacls.org/Find-a-Program.aspx](http://www.naacls.org/Find-a-Program.aspx). Potential students should:

- Check with college admissions office to find out if proof of English proficiency is required before admission into the academic program. If so, applicant will need to take the **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT)** at any time in the process. Internet-based version - Score must be 83 or higher. The applicant needs to contact the Educational Testing Services (ETS) at 609-771-7100 or register online at [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org). The Board must receive the test scores directly from ETS.
- Have foreign transcripts evaluated
  - **Documentation of Education:** In Ohio, college coursework completed outside the United States requires a course-by-course analysis from an approved international credential evaluation service. The Ohio Department of education is able to utilize credential evaluations from any of the following organizations:

### Evaluation Services

[American Education Research Corporation](#)

[World Education Services](#)

[Educational Credential Evaluators Inc.](#)

[Educational Perspectives](#)

[Educational Records Evaluation Services](#)

[Academic & Credential Records Evaluation & Verification Service \(ACREVS\)](#)

[Foreign Credits, Inc.](#)

[Globe Language Services](#)

[Institute of Foreign Credential Services](#)

[International Education Research Foundation](#)

[Josef Silny and Associates](#)

\*Disclaimer: Please confirm Evaluation Services are accepted by the chosen accredited program and board. More information on credited evaluation services can be found on the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) website: <http://www.naces.org>.

### Steps for Board Certification

#### Verification of Citizenship

Applicant will need to attest to one of the following:

- United States citizen
- Alien lawfully admitted for permanent residency in the United States (attach a copy of the front and back of their alien registration card)
- Other non-immigrant status (attach a copy of documentation such as an I-20 and I-94)
- I am a foreign national not living in the United States

The process for board certification is outlined below. For more details, please visit the ASPC website.

**American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP)**

[www.ascp.org](http://www.ascp.org)

Under the Heading **Board Certification**

- Select **Get Credentialed**
- The steps are listed on the ASCP website to enable students to become board certified.



**Step 1 Eligibility**

- Select Technologist Certification > Medical Laboratory Scientist (MLS)
- This page details eligibility requirements and routes.



**Step 2 Documentation**

- Verify your academic education and training experience



**Step 3 Examination Application**

**Step 4 Schedule Examination**

Disclaimer: This information is provided only as an overview. All programs, processes and/or fees are subject to change. Please verify above information with appropriate agency or governing agency.  
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