



Clinical Microbiology Master of Science Program

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Program Summary

[Marshfield Labs](#) ([St. Joseph's Hospital](#) / [Marshfield Clinic](#) Joint Venture Lab) provides a six-week clinical microbiology practicum for students seeking a master of science degree in Clinical Microbiology from University of Wisconsin – La Crosse.

Students must be enrolled in the [Clinical Microbiology Program at UW-La Crosse](#) to enroll in the practicum. To inquire about the Clinical Microbiology Master of Science Degree Program, please contact:

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General Information

Clinical Microbiology Practicum (UW-La Crosse Graduate Course MIC 780)

Students spend at least 6 full-time weeks (40 hr/wk) in the clinical laboratories at Marshfield Labs/St. Joseph's Hospital/Marshfield Clinic. Training includes hands-on experience with state-of-the-art molecular biology techniques. Specific exercises involving molecular epidemiology and infection control are emphasized. Students also participate in weekly infectious disease rounds and journal club.

Tuition and Fees

Students pay tuition and fees directly to UW-La Crosse. The university then reimburses a part of the tuition to Marshfield Labs. In the event of withdrawal, students are subject to the refund and withdrawal policies of UW-La Crosse.

The cost of textbooks varies and is the responsibility of the student.

The cost of all housing, meals, and travel during the practicum is the responsibility of the student.

Students may contact the Clinical Microbiology Program Director at UW-La Crosse for information on stipends and grants relating to the program.

Policies

During orientation, students will receive information on the safety, security, and confidentiality policies of Marshfield Labs/St. Joseph's Hospital/Marshfield Clinic. Students will be expected to adhere to these policies during the practicum.

Health Requirements

Students are required to complete a Health Information Report documenting their current immunization status prior to beginning the practicum.

Insurance

Students are responsible for their own medical care needs and their own health care costs. They are fully responsible for all costs related to general medical or emergency care including, but not limited to, immunizations, tests, procedures, office visits, and hospitalizations. Students may use the services of the Urgent Care Department, Emergency Department, or may seek care from a provider of their choice at their own expense. St. Joseph's Hospital / Marshfield Clinic does not provide health insurance for students.

Housing

Students are responsible for obtaining their own housing and are responsible for their own housing costs. Information on short-term, furnished accommodations is available through Marshfield Labs Department of Laboratory Education.

Meals

Meals may be purchased in the Hospital or Clinic cafeterias. Students receive a discount when wearing their Marshfield Clinic nametag. Lunches carried in must be eaten in the cafeterias or break rooms. Food and beverages are not allowed in the laboratories.

Dress Code

Students are required to follow a dress code appropriate to the professional work involved and within the guidelines required for employees. Clothing should be clean, free from holes and tears, and not wrinkled or tattered. Scrubs or dress slacks and neat, clean blouses/shirts or turtlenecks are acceptable attire. Stockings must be worn; legs must be covered below pant/skirt hemlines. Open-backed shoes are acceptable, but open-toed shoes are not allowed. Tennis shoes are acceptable.

Laboratory coats and nametags are provided by Marshfield Labs.

Hours

Students are to be in attendance Monday through Friday, 40hr/wk.

Holidays / Vacations

Students are not expected to be in the laboratory on national holidays.

Absences

Students who will be unavoidably late or absent for any reason must notify their assigned department as soon as possible. All work missed due to tardiness or absence must be made up by the student.

Internet Access

Marshfield Clinic Information Systems Department conducts a brief training session for students. A login will be provided for Internet access. PCs are available in the Marshfield Medical Library and in other locations throughout the facility. Students are encouraged to bring their own laptops. Wireless access is available in limited areas; network connections are not provided. Students will be expected to use their university or personal e-mail; access to the Marshfield Clinic e-mail system will not be provided.

Graduation

Upon completion of all university program requirements, students receive a master of science degree in Clinical Microbiology from University of Wisconsin – La Crosse.