

Externship Program for Medical Laboratory Science Students



Linking Classroom Learning to the Career of Medical Laboratory Science

The application period for the Summer of 2024 is open from December 26, 2023, through February 29th, 2024.

The Goal of the Externship Program is to develop and/or maintain an individual's interest in a hospital clinical laboratory as a career option.

WellSpan Laboratory Services has the opportunity to introduce a limited number of students to the challenging and rewarding field of medical laboratory science during the summer months. The program is competitive; students must apply and be selected to participate. **Applicants MUST be enrolled in a baccalaureate program at a college/university. Those majoring in Medical/Clinical Laboratory Science are preferred. However, students in a laboratory-related field may also apply.**

As a summer extern you will:

- Become acquainted with a clinical laboratory in a community hospital setting.
- Familiarize yourself with the varied roles of the medical laboratory scientist and other laboratory professionals.
- Develop some laboratory skills prior to your clinical year of training (MLS majors).

Areas of opportunity include:

- Blood Bank
- Central Processing (Core Lab – chemistry, hematology, urinalysis)
- Clinical Microbiology

Externs will be assigned to one of these areas as their regular work division. Externs will be introduced to the other divisions of the laboratory as part of the extern experience.

Opportunities are available at WellSpan laboratories throughout the system.

Your benefits:

- Pay - The extern position is a paid position within the Department of Laboratory Services.
- Lab and Career Experience - you will become an employee of WellSpan Health as an extern and learn valuable lab skills.
- Educational opportunities - meet with the laboratory managers and other staff to review experiences, consider supplemental activities, and discuss career goals.

Work Schedule

Your schedule will be decided in conjunction with the manager of your assigned laboratory division.

Vacation should be planned before or after your job commitment. You are expected to commit to an approximate 14-week assignment. Assignments are typically 40 hrs/wk. Occasionally, there are other assignment options available that are not 40 hrs/wk.

Housing

Housing is the responsibility of the extern. No housing is available via York Hospital or at other campuses.

**Department of Laboratory Services****Extern Program Application Form****Summer 2024****Applications will be accepted through February 29, 2024**

Name:

(Last)

(First)

(MI)

Home Address:

Phone #:

Email:

College/University:

Address at College/University:

Major:

GPA:

of semesters completed or class status (freshman, sophomore, etc.):

Biology and Chemistry courses taken, and grade received:

Career Goals:

Why I am interested in this extern program:

Summer 2024 availability (month/day) -FROM:

TO:

Spring semester ends:

Fall semester begins:

Email application to: MLSprogram@wellspan.org

This application can be filled in electronically (preferred) or handwritten.

To fill out the application electronically, one way is to download the PDF and fill it in using a PDF editor (such as free version of Adobe). In the free version of Adobe Acrobat, there is a “Fill & Sign” tool that allows you to type into the form.

To submit this application electronically, email it to MLSprogram@wellspan.org

If for some reason you need to mail your application, please mail it to the address below and email MLSprogram@wellspan.org to let us know that your application is coming via mail.

Mailing address:

Christina Scott – Director
WellSpan Medical Lab Science Program
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Your application must be received by February 29th, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact the WellSpan Medical Lab Science Program at the email above.
We look forward to receiving your application!