Dear Applicant,

Acceptance into the Clinical Laboratory Science (CLS) Program will be based upon information submitted in this application packet. Upon notification of admission to the CLS clinical program, we will issue instructions for the completion of the required immunization documentation, drug screen, Family Care Safety Registry results and nationwide criminal background check. These are all mandatory requirements that must be successfully completed by April 15\textsuperscript{th} at the student’s expense (about 4-5 weeks before summer student lab begins in Omaha).

All pre-requisite courses must be completed prior to beginning the professional phase. Application materials are due by November 1\textsuperscript{st}. If November 1\textsuperscript{st} falls on a weekend, items are due the Friday prior.

To apply to the University of Missouri Clinical & Laboratory Sciences program:

1. Schedule an advising appointment with the School of Health Professions Academic Advisor to make sure you are eligible for acceptance into the CLS program
   a. Call (573) 882-8011 or visit for an appointment

2. Distribute the Reference Form to two (2) non-family individuals
   a. preferably one from school and one from a work setting
   b. to be returned directly to the admissions committee and not through the applicant

3. Complete the CDS Undergraduate Application
   a. Type the application, do not hand write

4. Complete an essay
   a. Please address the following question with a thoughtful and honest evaluation. We request that your essay be 500 to 1000 words in length.

   \textit{Please explain why you decided to apply to the CLS clinical program. Include what you consider to be advantages and disadvantages of choosing a career in clinical laboratory science, as compared to other professions that you have considered. What personal characteristics do you have, and what experiences have you had, which will allow you to succeed in this program and field?}

5. Pay the $40.00 CLS Application Fee

6. Mail or hand-deliver (hand deliveries must be done by 3:00pm) by November 1\textsuperscript{st}
   a. The completed application
   b. Your typed essay
   c. The $40.00 application fee
      i. Check or Money Order should be made out to University of Missouri
      ii. Cash must be exact change
      iii. Credit card
         1. call 573-882-9448 or 573-884-6262 to pay over the phone or
         2. email umhsshpceds@health.missouri.edu to schedule an in-person appointment (5\textsuperscript{th} floor, Lewis Hall, Columbia, MO 65211)
            a. use the subject “Application Fee Credit Card Payment”
      iv. We are unable to accept charge cards or Student Charge
d. to:
   Clinical Laboratory Science Application Committee
   Clinical & Diagnostic Sciences Department
   School of Health Professions
   University of Missouri
   605 Lewis Hall
   Columbia, MO 65211

7. Email by November 1st:
   a. Completed application
   b. Essay submitted in a Word document or PDF (we are unable to open .pages files)
   c. To KoehnA@health.missouri.edu or umhshpcds@health.missouri.edu

If you are not currently a University of Missouri student:
   □ Complete and submit the MU Application (online)
   □ Request official transcripts to be sent to the MU Admissions office
   □ Send unofficial transcripts to the program director for evaluation
   □ Set up an advising appointment with the program director
   □ Forward ACT Assessment Scores if scores are not reported on your transcript (SAT or GRE may be substituted) (if taken during high school, scores may be found on high school transcript)

If English is not your native language, complete the TOEFL requirement (https://admissions.missouri.edu/apply-international/english-language-requirements/).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Steven Starr, Program Director at StarrSt@health.missouri.edu / 573-884-1847 or Adria Koehn, Student Support at KoehnA@health.missouri.edu.

Sincerely,

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