

## LABORATORY FIELD SERVICES

# Clinical Laboratory Scientist and Limited Clinical Laboratory Scientist Trainee Licenses

\*The information on this page applies to the Clinical Laboratory Scientist (Generalist) Trainee license.

For information about CLS Trainee licenses limited to a specialty or subspecialty select the limited license type from the list below:

- Clinical Chemist Scientist Trainee License
- Clinical Cytogeneticist Scientist Trainee License
- Clinical Genetic Molecular Biologist Scientist Trainee License
- Clinical Hematologist Scientist Trainee License
- Clinical Histocompatibility Scientist Trainee License
- Clinical Immunohematologist Scientist Trainee License
- Clinical Microbiologist Scientist Trainee License
- Clinical Toxicologist Scientist Trainee License

Thank you for your interest in the California Clinical Laboratory Scientist (CLS) Generalist Trainee license. Laboratory Field Services (LFS) requires applicants to submit documentation of academic coursework to qualify for licensure. For information about CLS and limited CLS licenses please visit the CLS page.

**Work experience in California as an unlicensed laboratory staff person will not be accepted as qualification toward any clinical laboratory license. Please note that biotech/pharmaceutical, forensic, academic, veterinary, research, and student laboratory experience cannot count as work experience or training for any clinical license.**

### Scope of practice

This license:

- Permits you only to train, not work, as a licensed Clinical Laboratory Scientist.
- Permits you to train in all specialty areas of the clinical laboratory only in Department-approved CLS training programs (PDF).

## Academic requirements

Bachelor's degree (baccalaureate) with specific course requirements:

- 16 semester or equivalent quarter units of chemistry, which must include clinical chemistry OR analytical and biochemistry.
- 18 semester or equivalent quarter units of biology, which must include hematology, immunology, and medical microbiology.
- 3 semester or equivalent quarter units of physics (light and electricity)

## Non-US transcripts

All non-U.S. transcripts must be evaluated by "Current Members" of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) or "Endorsed Members" of the Association of International Credential Evaluators, Inc. (AICE). This allows LFS to determine if your education is equivalent to a U.S. college or university education. The evaluation service will send an evaluation of your educational institution and academic courses directly to LFS.

To obtain an application, instructions, and information, visit them on the web:

- National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES)
- Association of International Credential Evaluators, Inc. (AICE)

If you are an applicant whose education and training/experience is from a non-U.S. school, college, university, or clinical laboratory, please make sure that your name is printed in English on all your transcripts and supporting documents and that it matches your name on the application.

## Resources

### Helpful links

CLS Training Programs (PDF)\*

LFS Approved Certification Examinations

\*If you are having difficulty accessing this document, please contact LFS at [LFSCSLTrainingProgram@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:LFSCSLTrainingProgram@cdph.ca.gov) to request this information in an alternate format.

## Statutes and regulations

California Business and Professions Code, Clinical Laboratory Technology, Licensing

California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 1032, Clinical Laboratory Scientist (generalist)

The requirements listed may not be comprehensive.

## How to Apply

**Visit the LFS online application website to create an account and submit an application.**

**Apply Online**

\*You will need to pay your application fee online.

Note: Transcripts must be original documents bearing the school, college, or university registrar's seal, and must be sent directly to LFS from the office of the college or university registrar. Request to have your transcripts mailed to:

Laboratory Field Services - CLS Trainee Program

850 Marina Bay Parkway, Bldg. P 1st Floor

Richmond, CA 94804

**\*Incomplete application packages may be abandoned. All applicants whose applications have been abandoned who wish to re-apply must pay a new non-refundable application fee.**

## Documents you may need for your application

- Official transcript showing your baccalaureate degree.
- NACES or AICE course-by-course evaluation.

For additional information you may contact [LFSclstrainee@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:LFSclstrainee@cdph.ca.gov).