

**Core Standards and Documentation Required for Accredited Programs
Self Study Report**

Standard 16: Outcome Measures

A review of outcomes measures (e.g. external certifying examination results, results from capstone projects) from the last three active years must be documented, analyzed and used in the program evaluation.

Standard 16 - Narrative:

Describe how outcome measures (e.g., the performance of graduates on external certifying examinations or capstone projects) from the last three active years are considered in the program evaluation.

The MLS program actively examines outcome measures on a regular basis in an effort to keep the program relevant and dynamic. The results of each outcome is thoroughly and thoughtfully analyzed by numerous individuals so that multiple consideration is given to the evaluation process. By involving different individuals and/or groups in the evaluation examination process, the MLS program hopes to retain current, relevant curriculum and make necessary changes where needed.

The table below shows the recent experience of our graduates on their Board of Certification examination. These data show that our graduates consistently have scored higher than the national mean on these examinations. Among our graduates, the average pass rate for first-time examinees on the ASCP BOC examination has been 98.3% during the period shown.

The table details the examination results for 2007, 2008, and 2009. This self-study is due in November of 2010 – our students graduating in December of 2010. As a result, the results for 2010 are not included.

The assessment below is representative of the program results for the calendar year in question. With our graduation date being in December, most students take the BOC during the same year as they graduate. However, there are usually a few students who choose to wait until January – making their results appear in the assessment for the following year. For example, the cohort graduating in 2009 has a 100% pass-rate on the BOC examination; however, one student failed the exam on the first time in January of 2009 (graduated in 2008) which effected the scores for 2009.

EXPERIENCE OF GRADUATES ON MT/MLS (ASCP) CERTIFYING EXAMINATION

	2007	2008	2009
Number of graduates from program	20	19	19
Number of first time examinees	23	19	20
Number who passed	23	19	19
Percent who passed	100%	100%	95%
Program Mean Scaled Score	531	581	567
University Based Mean Scaled Score	475	473	472
National Mean Scaled Score	477	475	473

Our graduates' performance on the certifying examination is carefully analyzed by the Program Director, Dean of the Southwestern School of Health Professions, the Advisory Committee, and each member of the faculty during the annual Faculty Retreat.

Standard 16 - Documentation:

Submit the outcome measures for the last three active years and the number of graduates from the program. (For performance on certification exams, list the number taking the certifying examination, the pass rates (percentages) and the program and national mean scores.)

Attach appropriate documentation in box above