Certification Requirements

National certification examinations are available for graduates of the program:

1. Board of Registry Examination, American Society of Clinical Pathologists. This exam is computerized and graduates are given a range of dates in which to sign up at a designated testing site. Students must apply to take this examination approximately two months prior to the actual testing date to assure adequate time for application processing. Eligible students receive an admission letter that is valid for three months. Contact http://www.ascp.org for current application fees. In order to be eligible for this exam, the student must successfully complete the Colorado Center for Medical Laboratory Science curriculum. Exam status is available at the end of the computerized test. Upon passing this exam, the graduate is entitled to use the legal designation for certified medical laboratory scientist in the appropriate category MLS(ASCP).

2. There are several states that require licensure for medical laboratory scientists. If a student wishes to work as a certified medical laboratory scientist in one of these states, they are required to pass a state licensure examination. More information regarding state licensure requirements can be found at http://www.ascls.org/advocacy-issues/licensure

The academic and clinical curriculum at CCMLS meets the requirements set forth by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science (NAACLS). Students who complete the CCMLS curriculum are eligible to sit for national certification through the American Society for Clinical Pathology (http://www.ascp.org) for the medical laboratory scientist (MLS). CCMLS does not guarantee that graduation from the MLS curriculum will automatically meet individual state licensure requirements.

3. Successful completion of the program does not constitute any guarantee that a student will be able to pass certifying or licensure examinations, or to perform successfully in practice. Successful completion, and graduation from, the curriculum is NOT contingent upon passing certification exams.