

**Idaho State**  
**UNIVERSITY**  
**Medical Laboratory Science**

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**CORE COMPETENCY THRESHOLD POLICY**

Medical Laboratory Scientists are a critical part of the health care team. 70% or more of all diagnostic decisions are made from laboratory results. The results and information you supply physicians or primary care providers has a dramatic impact on patient care. Poor quality work, misinformation, misdiagnosis, or lack of underlying didactic knowledge can have serious negative implications on patient care, perhaps even leading to patient death. As such, the Medical Laboratory Sciences program at Idaho State University has determined Core Competency Thresholds for certain assignments that are critical for all MLS students.

**Students must pass all Core Competency Threshold assignments with a minimum grade of 65% or better.** Failure to meet this expectation will result in **automatic failure (GRADE OF F)** in the corresponding MLS course, **regardless of the total point accumulation in that class.** Please refer to the Medical Laboratory Science Student Handbook Policy for consequences of failing any MLS course.

**CORE COMPETENCY THRESHOLD ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2017-2018 COHORT**

**FALL 2024 SEMESTER**

MLS 4424/5524 Medical Laboratory Fundamentals

- LAB FINAL EXAM

MLS 4422/5522 Basic Concepts Transfusion Medicine

- ANTIBODY IDENTIFICATION ASSIGNMENT

**SPRING 2025 SEMESTER**

MLS 4455/5555 MLS Student Laboratory Practices

- MICROBIOLOGY EXAM
- TRANSFUSION MEDICINE EXAM

MY SIGNATURE ATTESTS THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS CORE COMPETENCY THRESHOLD POLICY, AND I UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE POLICIES FOR PROGRESSION AND COMPLETION OF THE MLS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_