

School of Health & Human Services Continuing Education

MEDL 410V 001 Practicum Winter 2015

Course Outline

Instructor: Rene Maier

E-mail: medlab@camosun.ca

Telephone: 250-370-3103 (Continuing Education office)

The Practicum component provides an opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge acquired during the program. It gives students first-hand experience in both private and public sector labs. The four week, full-time, day-time practicum is held in March to April. Practicum sites are arranged by Camosun College.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course the student will be able to:

- Apply the skills and knowledge acquired during the MLA Program, in a safe and professional manner
- 2. Perform the role of the MLA in hospital and community medical laboratories and within the context of the health care system
- 3. Follow legal and ethical guidelines in performance of duties as a MLA
- 4. Demonstrate effective communication skills with patients and members of the health care team
- 5. Perform duties in a manner that assures and improves quality health care
- 6. Use knowledge of human anatomy and physiology to perform tasks in a safe and appropriate manner
- 7. Define and use correct terminology related to measurements used in the laboratory
- 8. Practice principles of laboratory safety and infection control
- 9. Practice the correct procedures and techniques in obtaining blood and other specimens for analysis in the medical laboratory
- 10. Demonstrate how to prepare specimens for distribution to analytical laboratory departments
- 11. Demonstrate use and care of laboratory equipment
- 12. Demonstrate correct procedure for performance of an electrocardiogram (ECG)

This is four (4) weeks, full-time, day-time; with two (2) weeks spent at each site, hospital and community, between March and April. The practicum must be completed in the time period scheduled for the course – individual schedules cannot be accommodated.

- Information regarding dress code for practicum sites will be given by Practicum Manager.
- You will be expected to conduct yourselves in a professional manner and adhere to site safety policies.
- Evaluation criteria and the practicum schedule will be provided by Practicum Manager separately.

• Criminal Record Check: The Criminal Record Review Act requires that students registered in a post secondary program where they may be working with children and/or vulnerable adults, must have a criminal record check done through the B.C. Government's Criminal Record Review program. The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Policing and Community Safety Branch / Ministry of Justice is the authorized body under the Act to make the determination of risk. Any student found to be at risk by the Ministry will not be able to participate in clinical/practicum experiences, and may therefore be unable to complete the program. Information regarding application for the appropriate Criminal Record Check will be provided during the first months of class, prior to the practicum. Students are responsible for all associated costs. Note: Any Criminal Record Checks done outside of the College will not be accepted and will result in additional cost to the student.

Evaluation

You will be evaluated on your two weeks at each of your practicum sites. The mark for each site visit will contribute 50% towards your final grade for the Practicum course. **You must successfully complete at both sites.** More details concerning the evaluations will be given to you by the Practicum Manager.

The Practicum course is graded using Camosun College's Competency Based Grading System. This grading system is based on satisfactory acquisition of defined skills or successful completion of the course learning outcomes.

Students must successfully obtain a "COM" grade.

Gra	ding	Scale
-----	------	-------

Grade	Description	
COM	The student has met the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this	
	course, practicum or field placement.	
DST	The student has met and exceeded, above and beyond expectation, the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.	
NC	The student has not met the goals, criteria or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.	

Important Notes

- Please arrive on time. The instructor will begin class on time.
- This course emphasizes experiential learning. Students are expected to attend all classes and to
 participate in class discussions and activities. Consistent attendance and participation is critical for
 success.
- The college provides many services to students; please contact the Registration department at either campus. Please note that not all services may apply to Continuing Education (CE) students. CE students are not contributing members of Camosun College Student Society (CCSS) and therefore do not pay CCSS fees or receive member benefits with their Photo ID.
- Please complete and submit the written assignment on the designated date at the beginning of the class. Marks will be deducted at 15% per day for a late assignment.
- It is your responsibility to obtain course material if absent from class.
- Please have pagers and cell phones on "mute" and leave room to return emergency phone calls.
- Please tidy up your area before you leave.
- All Camosun policies are available in PDF format at http://camosun.ca/about/policies/ or in the current print credit calendar. Please refer to the section Academic Policies & Procedures for information on Student Conduct, Student Appeals, Standards of Academic Progress and more. Please note that not all policies apply to Continuing Education (CE) students. Please refer to the Student Guide for Continuing Education or the Medical Lab program http://camosun.ca/learn/programs/medical-laboratory-assistant/ for more information.