The staff and faculty at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point want to help you craft your personal journey. Use this map as a jumping off point for conversations about your goals.

### Medical Laboratory Science

#### Major Map 2024

**Getting Started**
- Enroll in MLS 125: Intro to Medical Laboratory Sciences
- Enroll in HSW 100: Student Success in Health Sciences and Wellness
- Explore the foundation of MLS through the intro biology and chemistry courses
- Establish a 4-year plan with a SHSW adviser

#### Making Progress
- Decide on an emphasis:
  - Cytotechnology
  - Histotechnology
  - Medical Technology
- Consider a chemistry minor
- Apply and interview for acceptance into the MLS program during spring of second year
- Register for core MLS courses
- Apply and interview for 6- or 9-month clinical practicum site at affiliated hospital
- Take MLS prep courses needed for Clinical Practicum the summer before senior year

#### Preparing for What's Next
- Complete Practicum credits at partnering institution for final two semesters
- All Histotechnology students complete practicum at Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, WI
- All Cytotechnology students complete practicum at UW-Madison in Madison, WI
- Apply for graduation

### Careers

- Medical Technologist
- Clinical Laboratory Manager
- Cytotechnologist
- Medical Lab Sales
- Clinical Research Associate
- Histotechnologist
- Laboratory Director
- Cytology Lab Manager

### Knowledge and Skills

- Ask your adviser about MLS major
- Attend majors meeting for MLS
- Reach out to MLS instructors about the profession
- Tour a MLS program affiliated hospital laboratory
- Ask for help from the Tutoring, Learning Center (TLC) and your professors if you wish to improve in your courses
- Consider applying to the Health Scholars Program
- Explore and apply for SHSW Scholarships
- Attend majors meeting for MLS
- Tour a MLS program affiliated hospital laboratory
- Attend majors meeting for MLS
- Become a student member of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS)
- Participate in ASCLS-WI Student Bowl

### Act Locally and Globally

- Join a university club or the Health Careers Organization
- Explore and apply for MLS scholarships
- Get involved in spreading the MLS major at College Day for Kids, STEAM Point Days and Upward Bound workshops
- Explore and apply for MLS scholarships through SHSW and other organizations
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- Attend one day of ASCLS-WI state convention
- Think of different ways to gain experience not only in MLS but also in communication, writing and professionalism skills

### Career Readiness

- Talk to adviser and MLS faculty about careers and tracks of study in MLS
- Create a college resume
- Complete your Handshake profile
- Learn about and practice networking by attending a Networking Workshop or the All-Major Career and Internship Fair
- Explore requirements for full-time MLS positions
- Look into being a lab assistant at Student Health Service (SHS) on campus or working in the MLS department
- Reach out to MLS instructors about the profession
- Conduct an informational interview or job shadow with someone who works in a field of interest
- Talk with MLS faculty about networking, work experience opportunities, and clinical practicum affiliates
- Revise/update a cover letter and resume
- Attend an Interviewing Workshop; seek additional interview preparation tools
- Talk with mentors about your next steps; if considering graduate school, research your options and understand the application timeline
- Prepare for Board Certification Exam
- Consider memberships for MLS professional organizations, including ASCLS
- Create a portfolio to bring to job interviews and solidify references
- Look into continuing education requirements and resources
- Meet with your major’s Career Coach to work through stuck points

### Available Online

Major Map documents are available online with additional information!