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Policy on insufficient number of clinical affiliate sites for students in the Medical
Laboratory Science Program

Fourth year students in the Medical Laboratory Science Program are scheduled to complete a clinical laboratory rotation at a clinical site with which the program has signed an affiliation agreement. This agreement stipulates the number of student rotation sites that are available and provides a provision for reducing or adding to this number. In the event of site number reduction, the agreement further stipulates a time of notification that will be given before the new number will take effect.

Furthermore, it is the policy of the Medical Laboratory Science Program not to admit more students into the program than there are available positions at the clinical sites. Student numbers in any given cohort year will not exceed the number of clinical site positions for which clinical affiliation agreements exist.

However, if, from the time of admission to the program to the time of the scheduled clinical rotation, the number of clinical sites available drops below the number of fourth year students requiring clinical rotations, the following policy will prevail.

1. From the time of receipt of notification of reduced number of agreed-upon student rotation positions, the Medical Laboratory Science Program will make every effort to sign new affiliation agreements with other institutions to increase the number of clinical site positions so all fourth year students will be accommodated.
2. Failing to accomplish part one, students who are not provided clinical sites during their final semester will be provided opportunities to complete their rotations at another time. This time may be during the summer following the expected spring semester of the fourth year or during the fall semester directly following the normal spring semester.
3. If accommodation in part 2 is not desirable or available, the student will be given priority for inclusion in the next spring semester rotation cohort.