

Medical Diagnostics Department
Combined Laboratory & X-ray Technology, Medical Laboratory Technology and
Medical Radiologic Technology
Admission and Selection Criteria
Frequently Asked Questions

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Please Note: FAQ's and answers will be updated and reposted from time to time, based on questions received from applicants. Please check back periodically.

1. What are the admission requirements and selection criteria?

Admission requirements and selection criteria are as follows:

Admission Requirements

- *Grade 12 with minimum of 70% in **each** of the following:*
 - *English Language Arts A30*
 - *English Language Arts B30*
 - *Math B30**
 - *Physics 20***
 - *Biology 30*
 - *Chemistry 30*
- *English Language Requirement*

Note

- **Revised Mathematics Curriculum Requirement (Effective July 1, 2013).*
 - *Minimum of 70% in Foundations of Math 30 or in Pre-Calculus 30 (replacing Math 30B above).*
- ***Physics 30 will not be substituted for Physics 20.*
- *Standard First Aid and CPR Level 'C' with AED certification are required prior to entry into the clinical practicum.*

Selection Criteria:

1. *Phase 1 - Average will be calculated on high school subjects required for admission*
2. *Phase 2 - Additional selection criteria will be applied to those with the highest averages in Phase 1:*
 - *Admission Average = 30%*
 - *Career Investigation = 30%*
 - *Interview = 40%*

2. What type of information should be included with my application when I submit it to SIAST?

*In order to ensure that your application is complete, you will need to submit the SIAST application form and application fee **between October 1 and February 15 each academic year**. All Phase 1 documents (Career Investigation Report and Awareness Questionnaire), including the High-Demand Programs Preliminary Statement of High School Standing or official transcripts for post-secondary education and high school upgrading must be **received by February 28(29) to be considered**.*

3. I have submitted my application but I am not sure what my final grade twelve average will be. What should I do?

If final grade 12 marks are available, they should be reported on the High Demand Preliminary Statement of High School Standing form. If a mid-term grade is available or if your counselor is willing to project a grade for courses started but not yet completed, they can report that grade on the form.

If projected mid-term or final grade 12 marks are not provided, SIAST will use the final grade 11 mark for any specific course. The final grade 11 mark may also be submitted on the High Demand Preliminary Statement of High School standing form or may be provided on a copy of the previous year's Saskatchewan Learning transcript.

Any grades other than final grades will be considered interim grades until official final transcripts are received.

*The High Demand Preliminary Statement of High School Standing form must be received by the **deadline date of February 28(29)**. Any applications that do not have a 70% average by the deadline date will not be considered for admission to the program.*

4. I have complete high school courses through Basic Education at SIAST. Will these count?

*An official transcript must be sent **electronically** by Saskatchewan Learning in order for the courses to be considered in the assessment of the application.*

5. I have taken additional post-secondary education and have marks in courses such as English and Biology that are higher than my high school marks. Will these count?

***Yes**, if you have higher marks in **equivalent** post secondary courses, SIAST will use the higher mark to calculate your overall average. An official transcript should be forwarded to Registration Services directly from the issuing educational institution. Equivalent courses, having higher marks than required grade 12 courses will be considered. See question 6 for examples of equivalent courses.*

6. What do you consider equivalent university courses that can be used as alternatives to grade 12 courses?

The following chart outlines some examples of equivalent courses.

Grade 12 Courses Required for Admission	University of Regina Courses	University of Saskatchewan Courses
<i>English Language Arts A30 and B30</i>	<i>English 100</i>	<i>English 110</i>
<i>Biology 30</i>	<i>Biology 140 or 150</i>	<i>Biology 110</i>
<i>Chemistry 30</i>	<i>Chemistry 100</i>	<i>Chemistry 112</i>

Note: *similar courses from other recognized post-secondary institutions would also be considered.*

7. I wrote the Accuplacer tests but I do not have a 70% in the English and Math courses required for admission. What happens to me now?

Accuplacer results will not apply to the program admission requirements. You will have to explore ways to improve your academic record, either by upgrading your grade 12 marks or taking some appropriate equivalent courses.

NOTE: *All applicants should ensure they have a minimum 70% in the six subjects required for admission (or their equivalents). Any applications that do not have a 70% in the required courses as of February 15 will **not** be considered for admission to the program.*

8. I do not have a 70% in all three sciences and/or I am missing one of the required sciences. Could I be accepted through special admissions as I have other post-secondary success?

The special admissions process does not apply to these programs. You will have to explore ways to improve your academic record, either by upgrading your grade 12 marks or taking some approved equivalent courses. See question four for examples of equivalent courses.

NOTE: *All applicants should ensure they have a minimum 70% in the six subjects required for admission (or their equivalents). Any applications that do not have a 70% in the required courses will **not** be considered for admission to the program.*

9. The selection criteria indicate that a career investigation will make up 30% of my final Score. What would I expect to do in a career investigation?

A career investigation is an opportunity to acquire knowledge about the scope of work in the clinical department and its demands on the technologist. Some components of the career investigation will be demonstrating an understanding of: technologist responsibilities, attributes of competent technologists, awareness of the functions of the workplace and the variety of employment opportunities, the risks and potential drawbacks of working in the profession as well as the emotional, mental and physical demands of the training and career. The report format for the career investigation is available on the program web pages.

Research for your career investigations may include a report completed through job shadowing at a clinical site. Some clinical facilities that do not accommodate job shadowing will allow a tour of the department. Examples of appropriate clinical sites are urban and rural hospitals, and private clinics.

10. When must I submit the Career Investigation Report to be considered for the next intake?

The Career Investigation Report must be received by SIAST before the application document deadline for the program which is **no later than February 28(29)**. **Any information received after that date will not be considered.**

11. I have prepared my Career Investigation Report but am not sure who or where I should send it?

Career Investigation Reports can be emailed or sent through regular mail services using the following addresses:

- **Submit by email** as an attachment to: RegServ.Kelsey@siast.sk.ca
NOTE: this is the preferred method of submission.

OR

- **Submit by mail to:**

*SIAST Kelsey Campus
Registration Services
P.O. Box 1520
Saskatoon SK S7K 3R5*

NOTE: The cover page of the report should contain the applicant's name, address and program you are applying to.

- 12. I have printed and completed the Awareness Questionnaire and would like to know where to send this form.**

*Awareness Questionnaires must be received **no later than February 28(29)** and can be emailed as an attachment to: RegServ.Kelsey@siast.sk.ca (preferred method of submission), or mailed to:*

*SIAST Kelsey Campus
Registration Services
P.O. Box 1520
Saskatoon, SK S7K 3R5*

Clearly label the Awareness Questionnaire with your name, address, and phone number. Awareness Questionnaires must be received in Registration Services prior to the application document deadline.

- 13. Can I complete and submit the Awareness Questionnaire online?**

***Yes.** The Selection Process Guide for Applicants found on the specific program's website contains the Awareness Questionnaire. It can be completed and submitted as an attachment to SIAST Registration Services online. Again, all documentation must be received by the **application document deadline of February 28(29)**.*

- 14. Who can I contact about job shadowing in the clinical site?**

It is best to contact the manager of the department at the clinical site you wish to job shadow in. Besides contacting hospitals in urban centers, try arranging for job shadows in a private clinic or rural hospital.

In recent years many hospitals in Saskatchewan Health Regions may not accommodate job shadowing due to insurance and patient confidentiality issues. SIAST is not able to predict which facilities will be accommodating job shadowing and which will not, so you must contact the department manager directly to determine what the policy is for that clinical site.

Some clinical facilities that do not accommodate job shadowing will allow a tour of the department(s) which is also a very beneficial activity.

- 15. If I cannot find a clinical site that accommodates job shadowing, will that stop me from being accepted into the program?**

***No.** The job shadow is only one suggested activity that is useful to research your chosen profession, and will help with the preparation of the career investigation report required before the application deadline. There are many other ways to acquire the necessary information.*

Other activities outlined in the Selection Process Guide for Applicants found on the specific program's website that will assist you in preparing the Career Investigation Report include:

- Tours of clinical sites (a combination of urban hospitals, rural hospitals and private clinics would be best)
- Internet searches
- Professional society information
- Program Information on the SIAST Website
- Speaking to professionals already working in the profession

16. The selection criteria indicate that an interview will make up 40% of my final score. How will the program set up the interview process?

The interview process was established with input and participation from program stakeholders including educators, clinical training partners and prospective employers. It consists of a series of standardized questions that will be asked of each applicant participating in Phase 2. Applicant responses will be scored and the interview score will become part of the final Phase 2 score.

17. Is preference given to Saskatoon residents for the Saskatoon clinical training sites?

No. *Clinical placements are assigned by the Medical Diagnostic Programs Committee of Practicum Placements (COPP). The COPP committee is comprised of program and student representatives. The committee strives to ensure the assignment is done in a clear, non-prejudicial manner. It takes into consideration the ranking form the program provides, which is completed and submitted by applicants to the program **after** they have been offered a seat in the program.*

18. If I do not want the clinical seat I was assigned, can I waive my seat until the next year?

No. *Applicants who do not accept the seat they are offered must reapply to the program, meet all current admission requirements and selection criteria, and submit all documentation required for the selection process to that program.*

19. How can I get in touch with students currently in the program as recommended in the Selection Process Guide for Applicants to ask them questions about the program?

SIAST will be organizing information sessions which will allow applicants to ask questions of students currently in the program. The first session will be scheduled for late fall and the second early in the new year. You will need to register for these sessions so check the web site often (www.siastr.sk.ca) for dates, times and locations.

20. If I am not accepted into the program this year, do I have to reapply?

Yes. You will need to reapply to a program on an annual basis, during the application period, and meet all admission requirements and selection criteria for the year you are applying.

If you require further information, please contact Counselling Services or Registration Services at 1-866-467-4278.