

Thank you for your interest in the Piedmont Augusta Clinical Laboratory Science (CLS) program. This program is a partnership with the University of South Carolina-Aiken. The CLS program covers 3 semesters which consists of 2 didactic semesters and 1 clinical (applied) practicum under the direct supervision of certified and experienced laboratory technologists. The mission of the CLS program is to provide our students with exceptional education and training to prepare future clinical/medical laboratory scientists with the knowledge, and skills necessary to become responsible, competent, entry-level clinical laboratory science professionals.

Piedmont Augusta is in an equal opportunity employer and the CLS program is committed equal opportunity –program admissions and faculty appointments as well. The CLS program gives no regards given to race, creed, national origin, ancestry, gender, age, veteran status or disability. The CLS program will provided reasonable accommodations to qualified students with disabilities.

Applicants will be considered for the CLS program on the basis of overall cumulative GPA, science GPA, 2 recommendations, application, application essay and personal interview. **Note: Recommendations cannot be from Dr. Jackson or Dr. Mander (USCA students only).** The following are required in order to obtain admission to the CLS program:

- Minimum cumulative and science grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- Prerequisite college coursework to include 16 semester hours of chemistry that includes organic chemistry and biochemistry, 16 semester hours of biology to include microbiology and immunology and 3 hours of college-level math.
- The highly recommended courses (but not required) are genetics, molecular biology, statics and computer science
- Non-academic essential functions.
- Two recommendations from **non- family members** (i.e. college professor/instructor, advisor and/or employer).
- Applicants whose first language is not English must have a minimum TOEFL score of 80 within the past 2 years.

All recommendation forms should be sent directly from the reference Yvonne Banks at Yvonne.Banks@piedmont.org.

Essential Functions

To ensure each student's success in the CLS program, each student must possess the following essential functions for both the program's academic and clinical practicum settings:

- **Ethical Standards**
Adherence to Piedmont Augusta's patient confidentiality policy, laboratory standard of operation and compliance standards as well as USCA and Piedmont Augusta CLS Program academic and professional code of ethics.
Maintain an orderly, clean and safe working environment according to state, institutional and department safety regulations.
- **Visual Acuity**
Normal/Corrected vision to ensure safe and accurate laboratory testing (pre-analytical, analytical and post analytical).
Ability to recognize, discriminate and characterize color, shading, microscopic components, specimen viscosity, reagents and chemical reactions.
Ability to read text, numbers, graphs electronically and in print.
- **Manual Dexterity**
Good hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills coordination need to perform venipuncture and laboratory testing sufficiently and safely.
- **Effective Communication**
Ability to effectively read, comprehend, write, speak and understand English.
- **Intellectual and Cognitive Abilities**
Ability to reason, judge, analyze, comprehend, make calculations and report lab results under normal and stressful situations.
- **Initiative and Responsibility**
Ability to work independently and as a member of a team.
Display suitable initiative and motivation.
Actively participate in the learning process by displaying active engagement.
Willingness to accept and seek instructional direction as needed.

- **Attendance**
Develop and maintain a valued appreciation for having a compliant attendance and punctuality recorded in the academic and clinical practicum setting.
- **Demeanor**
Display appropriate professional decorum.
Exhibit a cooperative, respectful and collegial demeanor in all interactions.
Respond to constructive criticism in a positive manner.
Develop positive strategies for coping with stressful and unpredictable situations and unexpected changes.
- **Stamina**
Ability to keep up with the fast-paced environment.
Ability to stand or walk for a prolonged period of time.
Ability to lift 30lbs.
Ability to reach, bend, kneel or crouch as needed.

The admission process is as follows:

- Applications and recommendation letters must be submitted by the 2nd Tuesday in March. **Students are strongly encouraged to apply early.**
- Application material is reviewed by the Admissions Committee.
- Selected applicants are scheduled for a personal interview with the Admission Committee by the 1st Tuesday in April. All qualified applicants may not be contacted for an interview. Personal interviews to begin by 2nd Tuesday in April.
- Applicant selections are made by the Admissions committee.
- The CLS program director will send acceptance notification to each applicant via email by the last Friday in May.
- Accepted applicants complete and return the acceptance form by the 1st Tuesday in June.
- Confirmed acceptance applicants complete a background check, drug screen, TB testing, Hepatitis B vaccination and other required up to date immunization records.
- Complete enrollment is contingent upon a negative drug screen, TB test, completed Hepatitis B vaccination, up to date immunization records and an acceptable background check.
- The first day of the CLS program will be on the first day of the Fall semester as noted in the USC-Aiken academic calendar.

**Piedmont Augusta-Clinical Laboratory Science
 Application for Admission**

Application Deadline: Third Tuesday of March each year

Please fill in each box electronically then print and sign the application. Please email your completed and signed application to yvonne.banks@piedmont.org.

Personal Information		
Last name: Click or tap here to enter text.	First name: Click or tap here to enter text.	M.I.: Click or tap here to enter text.
Date of birth: Click or tap here to enter text.	Primary phone number: Click or tap here to enter text.	
Street address: Click or tap here to enter text.		
City: Click or tap here to enter text.	State: Click or tap here to enter text.	Zip code: Click or tap here to enter text.
Email address: Click or tap here to enter text.		
Is English your 1 st language? Choose an item.	If no, do you have official TOEFL scores submitted? Choose an item.	
Do you speak and comprehend English fluently? Choose an item.		
Are you a citizen of the United States? Choose an item.	If no, do you have a green card? Choose an item.	
Non-citizens must list the type Visa, current Visa number & expiration date: Click or tap to enter a date. <small>(Note: All applicants must be legally eligible to work in the United States. Verification documentation must be submitted with the application.)</small>		
Education		
High School: Click or tap here to enter text.		
Street Address: Click or tap here to enter text.	City: Click or tap here to enter text.	State: Click or tap here to enter text.
Attendance: From: Click or tap to enter a date. To: Click or tap to enter a date.	Did you graduate? Choose an item.	
Degree obtained: Choose an item.		
Education		
College/University: Click or tap here to enter text.		
Street Address: Click or tap here to enter text.	Street Address: Click or tap here to enter text.	Street Address: Click or tap here to enter text.
Attendance: From: Click or tap to enter a date. To: Click or tap to enter a date.	Did you graduate? Choose an item.	
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Degree obtained: Choose an item.		
USC-Aiken Major		
Are you currently enrolled in the Clinical Lab Science Degree Program? Choose an item.		
If not, what is your major? Click or tap here to enter text.		
Current Overall GPA (4.0 Scale): Click or tap here to enter text.		
Current Science (4.0 Scale): Click or tap here to enter text.		
Have you completed all of the required prerequisite coursework for the Clinical Lab Science Degree Program? Choose an item. If not, complete the USCA Education-In Progress section below.		

USCA Education – In Progress (USCA Students Only)		
<i>(List all the courses that are not listed on your transcript that you will complete prior to the starting the CLS program.)</i>		
Course title: Click or tap here to enter text.	Hours/Credits: Choose an item.	Expected Completion Date: Click or tap to enter a date.
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Laboratory/Healthcare Work Experience	
Company: Click or tap here to enter text.	Phone Number: Click or tap here to enter text.
Physical Address: Click or tap here to enter text.	Job Title: Click or tap here to enter text.
Responsibilities: Click or tap here to enter text.	Employment Dates: From: Click or tap to enter a date. To: Click or tap to enter a date.
Reason for leaving: Click or tap here to enter text.	
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Responsibilities: Click or tap here to enter text.	Employment Dates: From: Click or tap to enter a date. To: Click or tap to enter a date.
Reason for leaving: Click or tap here to enter text.	

Other Work Experience	
Company: Click or tap here to enter text.	Phone Number: Click or tap here to enter text.
Physical Address: Click or tap here to enter text.	Job Title: Click or tap here to enter text.
Responsibilities: Click or tap here to enter text.	Employment Dates: From: Click or tap to enter a date. To: Click or tap to enter a date.
Reason for leaving: Click or tap here to enter text.	

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Physical Address: Click or tap here to enter text.	Job Title: Click or tap here to enter text.
Responsibilities: Click or tap here to enter text.	Employment Dates: From: Click or tap to enter a date. To: Click or tap to enter a date.
Reason for leaving: Click or tap here to enter text.	

Military Service	
Branch: Click or tap here to enter text. Highest rank: Click or tap here to enter text.	Service Dates: From: Click or tap to enter a date. To: Click or tap to enter a date.
Discharge: Choose an item.	If yes, type of discharge: Click or tap here to enter text.
If other than honorable discharge, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.	

Non-Family Member Recommendations/References	
Name: Click or tap here to enter text. Title: Click or tap here to enter text.	Email: Click or tap here to enter text. Phone number: Click or tap here to enter text.
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Acknowledgement and Authorization
<p>I have completely read and comprehend the required essential functions for the Piedmont Augusta Clinical Laboratory Science Program.</p> <p>Choose an item. Initials: Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
<p>I understand that Piedmont Augusta is an equal opportunity employer. I understand that Piedmont Augusta and the Clinical Laboratory Science Program gives no regards given to race, creed, national origin, ancestry, gender, age, veteran status or disability.</p> <p>Choose an item. Initials: Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
<p>I understand that acceptance into the Clinical Laboratory Science Program will require an accepted criminal background check and drug screen prior to beginning the Clinical Laboratory Science Program. If accepted into the program, I, therefore, consent to the criminal background check and drug screen.</p> <p>Choose an item. Initials: Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
<p>I understand that acceptance into the Clinical Laboratory Science Program will require that I acquire and maintain health and liability insurance throughout the program. Note: More information regarding the liability insurance will be given upon acceptance into the program.</p> <p>Choose an item. Initials: Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
<p>I understand that my potential acceptance or acceptance into the Clinical Laboratory Science Program does not make me an employee of Piedmont Augusta at any time or for any length of time. Additionally, I understand that my potential acceptance or acceptance into the Clinical Laboratory Science Program does not entitle me to any employment related benefits (i.e. pay, medical benefits) for my participation in the Clinical Laboratory Science Program. I also understand that my participation in the Clinical Laboratory Science Program does not automatically guarantee me employment with Piedmont Augusta upon successful completion of the program.</p> <p>Choose an item. Initials: Click or tap here to enter text.</p>

By signing this application for the Piedmont Augusta Clinical Laboratory Science Program, I attest that all the statements in this application are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give the Piedmont Augusta Clinical Laboratory Science Program permission to investigate all pertinent information concerning my application in order to determine my eligibility and qualifications for admission to the Clinical Laboratory Science Program. I understand that false and/or misleading information in my application or during the interview process will make me ineligible for admissions to the Piedmont Augusta Clinical Laboratory Science Program or subject me to immediate dismissal from the program.

Print Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature:

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Applicant Recommendation Waiver (To be completed by applicant prior to being given to reference)

I understand that under the Family Education Rights to Privacy Act of 1974, I have the right to examine the recommendations submitted by references. I hereby (check one of the following):

- Do waive my right to examine the recommendations submitted by references.
- Do not waive my right to examine the recommendations submitted by references.

Please Print Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature:

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

For CLS Program Use Only:

Date Postmarked: _____

Application Date Received: _____

Recommendation Forms Date Received: _____ / _____

Application Complete? Yes or No

For Student Use Only

Piedmont Augusta CLS Application Process Checklist:

Application

Essay

Essay

Submit a typed essay 300-400 words describing why you desire to have a career in Clinical Laboratory Science, career goals and your current related qualifications.

Transcript(s)

Transcript and TOEFL Scores

Submit either an official copy of your USC-Aiken transcript with your application.
Submit an official copy of all other college transcripts to kenyacalhoun@uh.org.

TOEFL Scores

Transcript and TOEFL Scores

Submit a copy of your TOEFL Scores from within the past 2 years if applicable.

2 Reference/Recommendation Forms

Reference/Recommendations

Complete the top portion of the Reference/Recommendation Form.
Instruct both references to complete the recommendation form.
Instruct both references to mail or email the Reference/Recommendation Form to the address at the top of the form or the email provided below.

Complete Application, Essay, Transcript, TOEFL scores and Recommendations Forms emailed to yvonne.banks@piedmont.org by the third Tuesday of March yearly

Please make a copy of your application for your records. If you have any questions about the application process, please email Ms. Yvonne Banks at yvonne.banks@piedmont.org. Thank you for your interest in the Piedmont Augusta CLS Program.