

MLT Program Advisory Committee Minutes

Shoreline Community College

June 21, 2024 (Zoom Meeting @ 3:30 PM)

Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lucas Rucks | <input type="checkbox"/> Roy Antiquiera | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Breiwick | <input type="checkbox"/> Chelsea Peltier |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Esther Lim | <input type="checkbox"/> Sharon Bernaldo | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dorothy Canavan | <input type="checkbox"/> Dillon Johnston |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bani Rassaian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelly Lankford | <input type="checkbox"/> Sue Seegers | <input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Miller |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Lupinacci | <input type="checkbox"/> Jackie Degler | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristen Engstrom | <input type="checkbox"/> Shad Nyangweso |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debi Frieze | <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Rickel | <input type="checkbox"/> Ly Tok | <input type="checkbox"/> Taylor Hwang |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Smith | <input type="checkbox"/> Anne McGrew | <input type="checkbox"/> James Nakasone | <input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Johnson |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Johnson | <input type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Sauber | <input type="checkbox"/> Theresa Nester |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Villanueva | <input type="checkbox"/> Tina Carpenter | <input type="checkbox"/> Abby Bereket |

Agenda

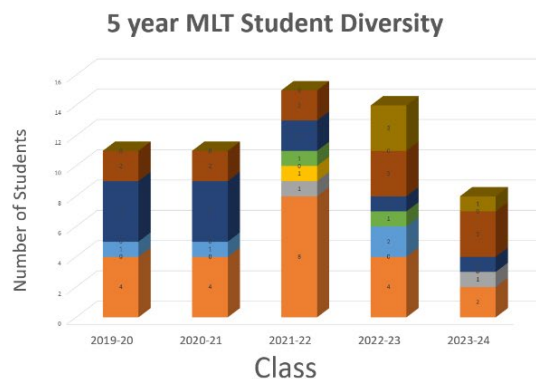
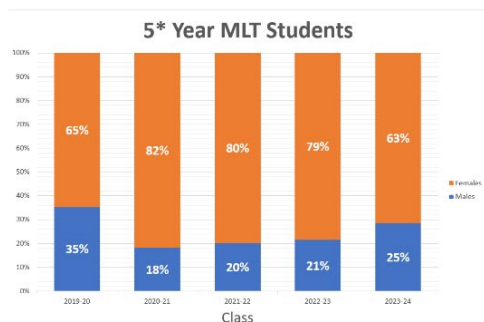
1. Introductions/Recognition of new members
2. June '23 and October '23 Meeting Minutes
3. Shoreline Community College Update- Esther Lim
 - a. Cedar Building Updates
4. MLT Program Reports and updates - Esther Lim
 - a. Linda Breiwick MLT Program Scholarship- Esther Lim
 - b. MLT Graduate and Employee Surveys 2024
 - c. Current MLT 2023-2024 Cohort
 - d. Updates
 - i. Phlebotomy Program
 - ii. MLT Program
 - iii. Affiliation Clinical Practicum Sites
 - e. Expansion ideas
5. Committee Input
 - a. Industry/Economy
 - b. AND MLT Program Recommendations?

Minutes

1. We did a round of introductions as we have some new members to the advisory committee.
 - a. Nicole Lupinacci- MLT program Alumnus, currently a PT Faculty, will begin FT Tenure Track Faculty position in coming Fall
2. Minutes from previous MLT Program Advisory meeting were discussed and approved.
 - a. July 12, 2023
 - b. October 19, 2023
3. College Update by Esther Lim
 - a. Cedar Building
 1. Cedar building was ready for move in during September and October 2023
 - a. MLT instructed Fall quarter with the 2023-24 cohort in a temporary lab in 2346
 2. MLT moved in during Winter 23 break and began instructions in the new facility Winter 24 quarter.

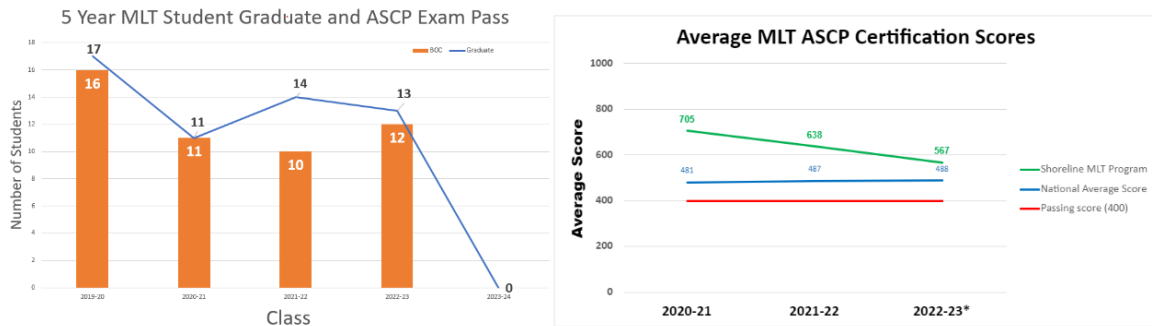
3. Grand Opening held May 2, 2024
 - a. MLT held a case study walk through and demonstration with visitors
 - b. Several Advisory committee members in attendance were impressed with the new and updated lab
- b. Questions - NONE
4. Linda Breiwick MLT Program Scholarship fund in the Shoreline CC Foundation
 - a. 2023-24 Recipients:
 - i. Wei Liang
 - ii. Wardie Faddoul
5. MLT Surveys- Esther Lim
 - a. MLT Graduate and Employer Surveys from 2024 by Esther Lim- These are responses by recent alumni regarding the MLT program. Only 1 student and 3 employers responded.
 - i. Student response is low and Esther is to work on getting better responsiveness
 - ii. Reviewed the MLT Employer Surveys
 - iii. Suggestion by C.Villanueva- include more workflow management and organization skills for the students to learn prioritization. Maybe teach them Triage techniques or have them do a rotation in a small clinic/ stat lab to learn how to manage multiple benches with different thought processes and competing priorities. This could even be simulated during the chem, special chem, heme, coag, urinalysis section, and have them do 5 pt samples for each department in a certain amount of time. This would help them understand how the lab truly operates and would allow them to build intuition on how to prioritize workflow without sacrificing work quality during stressful environments.
6. Current Class 2023-24- reported by Esther
 - a. Class size- 8
 - i. Began with 9, but one dropped out after Fall quarter.
 - ii. Smaller size was a “blessing” as it enabled a less stressful transition from the temporary lab to the new building and less pressure financially as all equipment and consumables had to be replaced.
 - b. Questions from committee members- none
7. MLT Statistics

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a.

MLT Statistics



b.

c. MLT program updates- Esther Lim

i. Phlebotomy Program reactivated!

1. First cohort in Spring 2024 with 2 students (Capacity is 10 students)
2. Reduced from 2 quarters to 1 quarter.
3. Modified quarter schedule
 - a. Weeks 1 through 8 is didactics- MLT 121 and 122
 - b. Weeks 9 through 11 is Practicum
 - c. Reduced Practicum hours from 160 to 120 hours
4. Students will be eligible for WA MA-P and for the PBT(ASCP) Board Exam
5. Offered every quarter.

ii. Fall 24

1. Nicole Lupinacci, BS, M(ASCP)CM, MLT(ASCP)CM
 - a. Shoreline MLT Class '18
 - b. New FT Tenure Track MLT Faculty!!!!
 - c. PT MLT Instructor since Winter 2022
 - d. MLT 132, 183, 225, 235, 224, 234, 244
2. Awaiting approval for 80% Pro Rata
3. All brand-new instruments
 - a. Vitek, XN, Piccolo, Clinitek
4. New instrumentations to come
 - a. Pointe 180 Manual Chemistry
 - b. New GenSys Spectrophotometers
 - c. New PolyTech LIS system

iii. MLT Expansion Ideas (update from Dec 2022 meeting)

1. The MLT program needs visibility in the community and the next generation as a career option.
 - ☐ Advertisement and marketing videos- **Need to work with Media/Marketing**
 - ☒ ~~Social media presence—Working with TSS about getting access to Facebook account.~~ Facebook account is active and updating regularly
2. High school outreach and workforce efforts
 - ☒ Shorecrest High- Visited and spoke in Jan 2023- **continue to visit**
 - ☒ Shoreline's Biology, Chemistry, Microbiology Departments and workforce- spoke via in person and via video- **continue to make appearances.**
 - ☐ **Need to schedule other high schools nearby in Edmonds, Everett, Bothell, Seattle, etc.**
3. The MLT program needs to continue to build its network past just practicum training.
 - ☒ ~~PeaceHealth—need to follow up on the AA~~

~~✓ Kaiser Permanente need to follow up on the job placement~~

☐ UW- **AA Signed but training halted due to move to Renton until 2026**

~~✓ Follow up on the AA~~

▪ Training placement in Valley, NW, and HMC

~~✓ Everett Clinic need to follow up on the AA~~

☐ **Follow up on VA PBT AA**

☐ **Follow up on Everett Clinic for PBT AA**

4. The MLT program needs to evolve beyond its traditional programs.

☐ Many hospitals and labs are hiring employees with just a BS in Chemistry, Biology, Microbiology, etc., as non-certified techs and offering OTJ in hopes of passing the ASCP exam (not easy). MLT program should partner with these hospitals/labs, open a part time online program for those already working as a testing lab professional, and provide the didactics to the students while they get OTJ. – **Working on curriculum over the summer 24 for part time program**

8. Committee Input on Practicum training and/or program changes as we move forward

a. C.Villanueva- Suggested looking into WABS, and increase workflow management/triage training, having a review week for students prior to graduation, and add a lab leadership/coordinator instruction into the curriculum as KP is exploring “succession planning”

A motion was made to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

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