



National Accrediting Agency
for Clinical Laboratory Sciences

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Annual Report

The NAACLS Mission Statement

The National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) is committed to being the premier agency for international accreditation and approval of educational programs in the clinical laboratory sciences and related healthcare disciplines. NAACLS provides leadership in fostering innovative educational approaches and actively supports cooperative efforts with other agencies.

NAACLS, in collaboration with its professional organizations, provides comprehensive services including program accreditation, program approval, and continuing education. NAACLS provides these services for educational programs, students, employers and healthcare consumers.

NAACLS is dedicated to peer review as the foundation of accreditation and approval. Volunteers are highly valued and the agency strives to prepare and assist them to provide exemplary program analysis. Such analysis is based upon principles of honesty, fairness, objectivity and integrity.

NAACLS demonstrates commitment to public service by assuring the quality of educational programs. NAACLS will continue to be responsive to the needs of the healthcare community as it strives toward recognition as the premier international accrediting organization in health professions education. (<http://www.naacls.org/about-us/mission.asp>)

Adopted September 1996, Revised September 2001.

The NAACLS Vision Statement

“Medical laboratories will preferentially seek graduates of NAACLS accredited and approved programs to assure quality, value and innovation for healthcare consumers.”

Adopted September 2009.

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A Message From the President . . .

Herein please find the 42nd Annual Report from NAACLS which includes several important components. First of all are the numbers of NAACLS-accredited and approved programs. Accredited and approved programs remain strong with new programs starting while a few programs are closing. Looking at the list of accredited programs it should be highlighted that the first Doctorate in Clinical Laboratory Science (DCLS) program was granted Initial Accreditation! This is probably the biggest news of the past year! Congratulations to the University of Texas Medical Branch for this historic achievement and we look forward to more programs joining them!

With regards to NAACLS "Approved" programs, the approved programs, phlebotomy and clinical assistant, will be changed to "Accredited" programs over the next two years. The use of the "Approved" status has been confusing especially to the agency that recognizes NAACLS, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), and so it was decided to change our procedures and only "accredit" programs.

Next is a long list of our volunteers. Thank you so much to all of the people who volunteer their time to make a robust process of true peer-review occur for all of our programs. Their dedication is especially appreciated over the last year when plans changed quickly and programs were site-visited either in person or virtually. Your flexibility and commitment to assessing program compliance with NAACLS standards in chaotic times is not taken for granted. Thank you! New volunteers are always needed and welcome. Contact Mark Spence, Volunteer Services Manager at mspence@naacls.org to indicate your interest in volunteering for NAACLS. For more information, please visit <https://naacls.org/Volunteers.aspx>.

NAACLS is in strong financial shape as you will see in the Statements of Financial Position. Our investments are strong, and we have been keeping expenses down as much as possible.

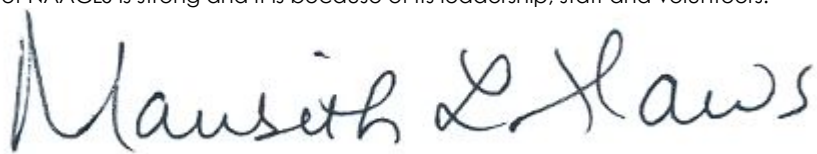
The last few pages list the names and contact information of the members of the Board of Directors, Review Committee for Accredited Programs, Programs Approval Review Committee, Doctoral Review Committee and the NAACLS Staff. Each person on these rosters fulfills a critical role in the operations of NAACLS, and the organization is strong because of their efforts.

The Board of Directors recently adopted a new strategic plan which will drive NAACLS efforts over the next few years. These are the targets of the plan and each target includes several goals: 1) Promote program excellence and innovation; 2) Promote and market the value of NAACLS accreditation/approval; 3) Maintain and improve quality accreditation services; 4) Support and enhance the professional development of staff, volunteers, and program personnel, and 5) Maintain stable financial position to support NAACLS' mission. We look forward to reporting on the progress of these initiatives over the next year and longer.

A Search Committee is currently actively looking for the next CEO of NAACLS. Dr. Dianne Cearlock has led NAACLS over the last 16 years. It is expected that the new CEO will start later this summer so that Dr. Cearlock can mentor the incoming CEO before her last official day at the end of August. Thank you to Dr. Cearlock for 16 years of strong leadership and vision keeping NAACLS current and viable in times of great change.

One of Dr. Cearlock's last projects has been to start a "Future and Emerging Professions Task Force" whose purpose it is to expand the types of educational programs that may be granted accreditation through NAACLS. The first such program that has been suggested is a program that prepares people to take the categorical in Microbiology certification exam. Hassan Aziz serves on the Task Force with Karen Brown, Peter Hu, and Dianne Cearlock. The task force established a workgroup to help advance their charge. Elizabeth Gockel-Blessing, Carol Rentas, MaryEllen Tancred, Janna Schill, Michelle Hill, and Janice Conway-Klaassen serve on the workgroup.

Last, but not least, NAACLS is up for Recognition by CHEA this year and, thus, Dr. Cearlock and the NAACLS staff will be preparing a self-study documenting how NAACLS complies with the CHEA standards. What the report will demonstrate and what I want you to know is that the state of NAACLS is strong and it is because of its leadership, staff and volunteers!



By Maribeth L. Flaws, PhD, MLS(ASCP)CM SM, SI
President, NAACLS Board of Directors

NAACLS Programs By State

STATE	MLS	MLT	HT	HTL	PHLEB	CG	PATH ASST	CA	DMS	DCLS	TOTAL
AL	3	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	8
AK	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
AZ	2	4	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	7
AR	3	5	--	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	11
CA	11	5	3	--	1	--	1	--	--	--	21
CO	3	3	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	7
CT	1	--	1	--	--	--	1	--	1	--	4
DE	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
FL	9	6	3	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	20
GA	5	9	1	--	1	1	--	--	--	--	17
HI	1	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	3
ID	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
IL	8	8	2	--	5	--	1	--	--	--	24
IN	8	4	1	--	1	--	--	1	--	--	15
IA	4	5	--	--	1	--	--	1	--	--	11
KS	2	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	7
KY	5	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	11
LA	9	6	--	--	5	--	--	--	--	--	20
ME	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
MD	5	5	2	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	13
MA	3	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9
MI	13	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	--	24
MN	5	11	2	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	20
MS	4	7	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	12
MO	8	3	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	12
MT	1	1	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	4
NE	2	4	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	7
NV	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
NH	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
NJ	4	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5
NM	1	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
NY	16	7	1	--	1	--	--	--	1	--	26
NC	4	15	2	1	7	--	1	--	1	--	31
ND	2	2	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	6
OH	11	15	1	--	5	--	1	--	--	--	33
OK	5	4	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	10
OR	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	3

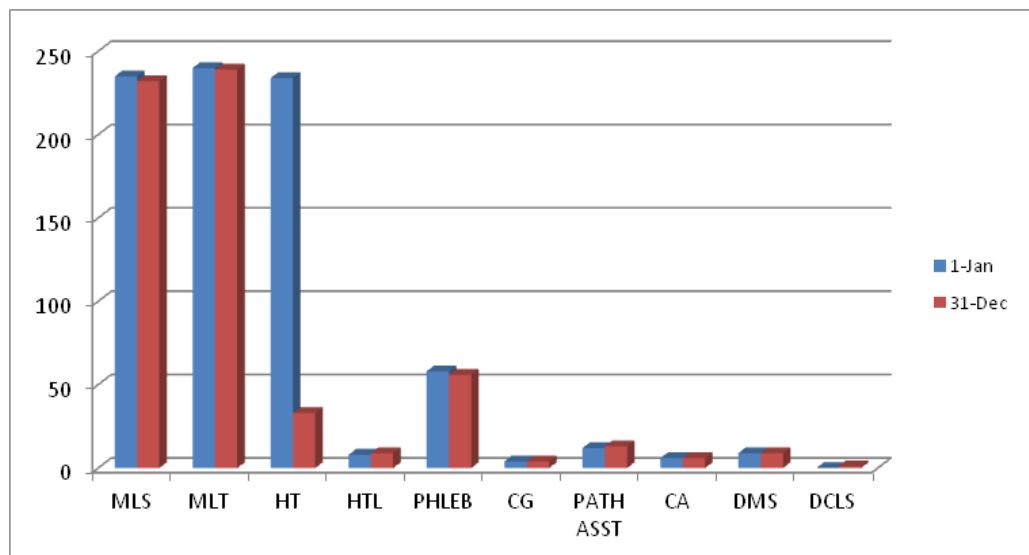
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Data as of 12/31/21.

NAACLS Programs by State (Cont'd)

STATE	MLS	MLT	HT	HTL	PHLEB	CG	PATH ASST	CA	DMS	DCLS	TOTAL
PA	13	9	3	1	5	--	1	--	--	--	32
RI	2	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5
SC	3	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10
SD	2	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5
TN	6	9	--	1	2	--	--	--	--	--	18
TX	15	19	6	1	2	1	--	--	3	1	48
UT	4	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5
VT	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
VA	6	6	1	1	1	--	1	--	--	--	16
WA	3	3	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	8
WV	3	5	--	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	10
WI	7	10	1	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	21
WY	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
Wash DC	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
PR	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5
Qatar	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
Canada	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	2
TOTAL	239	238	37	9	55	3	12	5	9	1	608

NAACLS Programs by Type

1/1/21 vs 12/31/21



Board of Directors' Actions 2021

Accredited Programs

Program Level	Initial	Continuing	Probation	Transfer of Sponsorship	Withdrawn
MLS	8	40	--	1	1
MLT	5	33	--	--	6
HT	5	3	--	--	1
HTL	--	2	--	--	--
Path Asst	--	2	--	--	1
CG	--	1	--	--	1
DMS	1	--	--	--	1
DCLS	1	--	--	--	--
Totals	20	81	0	1	11

Approved Programs

Program Level	Initial	Continuing	Probation	Transfers of Sponsorship	Withdrawn
Phlebotomy	1	8	--	--	2
CA	--	--	--	--	1
Totals	1	8	0	0	3

2021 Volunteers

***NAACLS is grateful
to the volunteers who
served as paper
reviewers and/or
site visitors for
programs that were
evaluated by the
NAACLS Board of
Directors
in April and
September 2021.***

***These volunteers
donated their time
and expertise,
enabling the
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accreditation process
to exist.***

***Their service
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Statements of Financial Position

June 30, 2021

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 306,015
Accounts Receivable (Less Allowance \$1,800)	14,614
Investments at Fair Market Value	2,609,881
Prepaid Insurance, Expenses and Deposits	<u>79,920</u>

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 3,010,430

OTHER ASSETS:

Property and Equipment (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>40,297</u>
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TOTAL OTHER ASSETS 40,297

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 3,050,727

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	\$ 26,198
Accrued Payroll	85,405
Accrued and Withheld Payroll Taxes	11,093
Deferred Revenue	<u>66,664</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES 189,360

NET ASSETS:

Unrestricted	<u>2,861,367</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$ 3,050,727

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