

### National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

Jorge Ivan Velez-Arocho, PhD President Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico 2250 Blvd. Luis A. Ferré Aguayo, Suite 564 Ponce, PR 00717-9997

Dear President Velez- Arocho:

Enclosed is the NAACLS Board of Directors' official award for your Medical Laboratory Science program from the September 24th, 2020 meeting.

The Board of Directors based the award length on the continuing accreditation review process that included a site visit of your program during spring 2020.

Accreditation for your program will continue until October 31st, 2030. As a result, your program will commence renewal of accreditation with the submission of a Self-Study Report on October 1st, 2029 and scheduling of a site visit during spring 2030. We provide this information to assist you in administrative and financial planning.

This letter and the accompanying award represent formal accreditation by NAACLS. The NAACLS staff will forward the Certificate of Accreditation to the Program Director.

Sincerely,

Peter Hu, PhD, MLS (ASCP), CGcm, MBcm, FACSc President, NAACLS Board of Directors

Waleska Alvarado Rodriguez, MS, MT(ASCP), Program Director CC:

NAACLS Board of Directors' Accreditation Award Enclosure:

### NAACLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACCREDITATION AWARD

The Medical Laboratory Science Program of Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico in Ponce, Puerto Rico is awarded Continuing Accreditation for ten (10) years.

A "Year 5 Interim Report" will be required upon entering the fifth year of the accreditation award. Documentation submitted for the "Year 5 Interim Report" must be submitted **electronically** to the NAACLS office no later than **October 1, 2024** and include the following:

- 1. Summary of last five years of annual reporting
- 2. Narrative on how outcomes measures are analyzed and used in program assessment and continuous quality improvement of the program (outcomes measures that cannot be quantitatively analyzed are to be included in this narrative). The results of program outcomes measures and assessment must include findings from graduate and employer feedback and be:
  - Reflected in ongoing curriculum development, resource acquisition/allocation, and program modification.
  - Analyzed to demonstrate the effectiveness of any changes implemented.
- Narrative describing how significant changes in annual reporting are handled, and how any actions taken as a result of the changes are used in program assessment and continuous quality improvement of the program.

Programs that are required to provide an Annual Report Action Plan as part of NAACLS' Annual Reporting process (refer to the *NAACLS Guide to Accreditation and Approval*) must submit additional required materials as part of the "Year 5 Interim Report".

An unsatisfactory "Year 5 Interim Report" will result in a requested Progress Report within six to twelve months, possible probationary accreditation, and possible elimination of a ten year accreditation award after the next review.

Failure to submit the required report by the due date may result in Administrative Probation.

Waleska Alvarado Rodriguez, MS, MT(ASCP) is recognized as the Program Director.

Peter Hu, PhD, MLS(ASCP), CGcm, MBcm, FACSc

President, NAACLS Board of Directors

Dianne M. Cearlock, PhD Chief Executive Officer

Vianne M. Cearlock

September 24th, 2020



# CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

SCIENCES HAS AWARDED THE MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE PROGRAM THE NATIONAL ACCREDITING AGENCY FOR CLINICAL LABORATORY Pontifical Catholic University of Duerto Rico

Ten Years of Continuing Accreditation

October 31st, 2020

PETER HU

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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## Fwd: NAACLS- Board of Directors Award

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Un logro más. !Gracias a nuestro Dios! y a todas ustedes.

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Good Afternoon.

Please see the attached document regarding your MLS programs accreditation.

Sincerely,

# Michele Stevenson | Program Accreditation Coordinator and Board Liaison

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