
UND SMHS Strategic Plan Individual Unit Report for 2020

GOAL 6 for **Medical Lab Science**

LEARNING

One UND Strategic Plan Goal 6: Meet educational needs of active duty and reserve personnel, veterans, and their families. Goal by 2022, A 25% increase in credit hours earned by active duty military personnel, veterans, and their families.

UND SMHS Strategic Plan Goal 6: The SMHS will determine how we may better meet the educational needs of active duty and reserve personnel, veterans, and their families.

1. Describe if/how your unit has addressed this goal.

In efforts to provide greater access and flexibility for military personnel, veterans, and their families (along with other non-traditional learners), the Department of Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) has fully transitioned to all online delivery of its Master's of Science in MLS degree, along with mostly asynchronous coursework. The Department has also targeted marketing efforts for the MS in MLS program to the professional society SAFMLS (Society of American Federal Medical Laboratory Scientists), whose membership includes active military and VA personnel.

2. Describe how your efforts are being assessed.

Specific questions about how the program is meeting/not meeting the needs of military personnel, veterans, and their families are included as part of our MS in MLS program advising template. These template questions are reviewed during each individual advising session (~1/semester) with each student.

To try to better understand if our targeted marketing efforts are increasing the number of students from the military/veteran/associated families group, data are gathered on initial programs surveys as to how students learned about the program.

3. Describe how your unit analyzed these data and what assessments were determined.

Responses from the standardized advising template questions are gathered and assessed as a whole for themes or trends in how the program is meeting needs of this group of students. Thus far, identified program strengths for this group include asynchronous coursework and flexible and approachable faculty. One weakness identified was the lack of a specific scholarship for military/veterans/their families, and as a result that is something we are working to implement.

Assessment of questions about how students have learned about our program has not yet revealed a significant increase in enrollment due to our targeted efforts with SAFMLS.

4. Describe how your unit will implement any further changes and what barriers may exist.

The Department has identified a current general MLS scholarship that could be utilized for students that meet the active military, veteran, or associated family category, and will be working to utilize it in that manner in the future. The Department will continue to monitor SAFMLS marketing approaches, and may adjust approaches if positive enrollment trends do not result.

PROVIDE A RATING OF YOUR PROGRESS ON THIS GOAL:  On Track;  Delayed;  Behind

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Additional Information on Goal 6 (optional):

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