

McLeod Health School of Medical Laboratory Science Program Teach Out Plan

In the event of a man-made or natural disaster, the medical technology student is considered non-essential personnel at the hospital.

If disaster strikes the hospital while the student is at home, the student shall stay at home and attempt to make contact with the program director if landlines, internet, or cell phones are available. The student shall not return to the hospital campus until contacted by the program director.

If disaster strikes while the student is on the hospital campus, depending on the extent of the disaster, he or she may be requested to volunteer for non-medical duties such as transporting supplies or food. Every attempt shall be made to release him or her from the facility as soon as possible.

If the hospital or clinical laboratory is non-operational for an extended period, every attempt shall be made to utilize facilities within the McLeod Health organization for operation of the medical laboratory science program. If McLeod Health facilities are unable to temporarily provide clinical rotations for the students, the Program Director will attempt to place the students in one of the other two medical laboratory science programs in South Carolina. Transfer to another South Carolina program may result in extension of the time required to complete the program. Students that transfer to another medical technology program may be required to begin the program again. Every attempt will be made to assist the student with finding another medical technology program for completion of the coursework. McLeod Regional Medical Center shall reimburse the student any tuition previously paid by the student should McLeod Health be unable to continue the program due to a natural or man-made disaster.

If other facilities within the McLeod Health organization are not available, operation of the medical technology program may be suspended until the hospital, clinical laboratory, or alternative locations are fully operational. Suspension of the medical laboratory science program may affect the length of the educational program. It may be necessary to extend the education/training period beyond the anticipated date of graduation to ensure all program accreditation and national certification requirements are met.

If the McLeod Health School of Medical Laboratory Science program plans to cease to operate permanently, the current medical laboratory science students will be provided the opportunity to complete all courses and clinical rotations until their scheduled graduation.