

AMT Accepts *Kuwait University* via School Resource Program

Nov 11th 2017 – Dubai – American Medical Technologists (AMT) – an acclaimed certification agency both in the USA and internationally and partner of Medogy – has recently accepted **Kuwait University; Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Department of medical laboratory sciences (KU;FAHS,MLS)** into its School Resource Program (SRP), which is a formal affiliation indicating the likelihood of **Kuwait University, FAHS,MLS** graduates to qualify for sitting one or more AMT exams.

This affiliation is likely to promote close collaboration between the two institutions, in an effort to better serve the **Kuwait University; FAHS, MLS** student body; specifically those enrolled in the university's Medical Laboratory Sciences department. It is also consistent with the efforts undertaken by **Kuwait University; FAHS, MLS** towards internationalizing its education and forging partnerships with various global associations, institutions and universities, and may pave the way for similar higher education institutions in the MENA region to follow suit.

According to **Prof. Suad M. AlFadhli; Chairperson Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences** – “AMT is one of only a handful of organizations to be accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and caters to a variety of allied health areas including laboratory, medical and dental office and health education – among others.”

According to Mr. Christopher Damon – Executive Director of AMT - “I am pleased to welcome **Kuwait University; FAHS, MLS** to the community of over 750 other academic training programs who have teamed with AMT to promote the concept of allied health certification to their students and graduates. In addition to understanding the importance of a professional credential, the decision by **Kuwait University; FAHS, MLS**'s leadership to enter into this relationship with AMT demonstrates a commitment to certification by an organization governed and guided by the profession itself – AMT is constituted by, for, and of fellow allied health professionals and medical technologists.”

Faculty of Allied Health Sciences considered one of the oldest and most advanced educational institutes in the country, the university offers undergraduate and graduate programs in selected fields, with a very career-oriented focus. It was established in 1986 with the objective of graduating specialized professionals in various disciplines. The school is currently ranked as the top research university in the nation and its programs are constantly reviewed to ensure that students are equipped with the most advanced skills available.

Addressing this recent recognition, Mr. Issam Marzouqa – Founding Partner and CEO at Medogy – stated that, “Studies have consistently shown that individuals who are certified in their field receive higher salaries and enjoy better promotion opportunities, relative to their non-certified counterparts.”

Also worth noting is that AMT's comprehensive exam – which the university's graduates are now likely to qualify to sit – is approved in all but one licensure state in the US, making it a wise choice if graduates are planning to work there. Individuals obtaining this certification and want to work in the US will additionally need to obtain evaluation of their transcripts by a foreign evaluation service. Many licensure states will not accept international certification exams which don't include questions relevant to the US market. The certification will also assist graduates to apply for work in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere in the MENA region.



About American Medical Technologists (AMT)

American Medical Technologists (AMT) was founded in 1939. It is a nationally and internationally recognized certification agency and membership society for allied health professionals in the field of laboratory, medical and dental office and health education. AMT is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and seeks to continuously improve its certification programs (www.americanmedtech.org) and continuing education services to health care workers.

About the school/university

Kuwait University (KU), was established in October 1966. The university has seen its enrollment grow from about 418 to 40,000 students, faculty from 31 to 1,565, colleges from 4 to 17, and administrative and academic support personnel from 200 to more than 5,000. Kuwait University has more than 100,000 alumni serving the country and the region and some have attained prominent positions.

Faculty of Allied Health Sciences is one of the KU faculties that was established as an independent faculty on June, 1982, prior to that FAHS was part of the Faculty of Medicine. FAHS is a growing school it includes 6 departments: Department of Medical Laboratory, Department of Physical Therapy, Department of Radiological Sciences and Nuclear Medicine, Department of Health Information Management, Department of Hearing and Speech Loss and Department of Occupational Therapy with the tendency to expand.

Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences (MLS) offers opportunities for those interested in biological and chemical sciences, leading to a career in the health service or in research. Medical laboratory scientists work in hospital clinical laboratories, medical schools, research institutions, public health agencies and related organizations. The department is accredited by the Institute of Biomedical Sciences body (IBMS) since 2011 and it was renewed in 2015. MLS department offers undergrad and MSc programs in MLS disciplines .



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