

**The University Senate of Michigan Technological University**

**Proposal 15-23**

(Voting Units: Academic)

**“Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: 4+1 Histotechnology (SML7)”**

Submitted by  
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**1. Full name of program to be shelved**

B.S. Medical Laboratory Science – 4+1 Histotechnology Concentration (SML7)

**2. Final term program will be open for new admits**

Fall 2022

**3. Plan to complete all enrolled and returning students**

All required Medical Laboratory Science courses will remain available. Therefore, enrolled and returning students will finish the degree as defined in the degree audit for their enrollment year.

*Note: There are no students currently enrolled in this concentration.*

**4. Reason for shelving**

There is only 1 histology program offered by our clinical affiliates. Without a clinical site for students to complete their internship, this degree program cannot be offered. Histotechnologists must either have a bachelor's degree in an approved major (e.g. biology, medical laboratory science, etc.) and one year of experience in a histopathology lab or complete a formal histotechnology educational program. We have seen a large reduction in the number of interested applications in the last 10+ years, therefore, we do not see a reason to keep this concentration.

**5. Financial impact (if any) to the department and university**

We anticipate minimal financial impact of this change to the department and university. There are no students that are currently enrolled in SML7. According to Webfocus reports, there has not been a single student enrolled in this degree concentration in over 10 years so we anticipate no change in enrollment or disruption to students interested in a Medical Laboratory Science degree. All existing courses will continue to be taught to support our SML8 and SML9 concentration choices.