# Syllabus for Licensing Examination of Master of Science Immunology 2022





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9	Generic skills in science research	5%
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#### 1. Molecular and Cellular Basis of Biomedicine

- Biomolecules
- Cell structure and function
- Genetic materials, regulation of gene expression
- Structure and mechanism of enzyme
- Membrane biology
- Cell communication
- Cell signaling
- Energy
- Metabolism
- Cell proliferation, cell differentiation
- Cell death
- Cancer, basic immune response, host pathogen interaction
- Basic gene, protein, cellular and immunological methods in biomedical research

# 2. Immunology

- Cells and organs of the immune system
- Principles of the immune responses
- Cellular components and development of the immune system
- Leukocyte Circulation and Migration into Tissues
- Cell -associated pattern recognition receptors and sensor of innate immunity.
- The Major Histocompatibility Complex
- The processing of protein antigen
- Antigen recognition
- Costimulatory Receptor Signaling in T Cells
- ◆ B lymphocyte antigen receptors
- Cytokine receptors and signaling
- Cell-mediated and humoral immune responses
- Innate and adaptive immune responses
- Activation of B lymphocytes
- Activation of T lymphocyte
- The Complement system
- Immunity to infections
- Immunity to tumors
- Immunological memory
- Vaccine immunology
- Physiological and pathological mechanisms of immune responses

- Regulations of the immune responses.
- T lymphocyte and B lymphocyte tolerance
- Roles and significance of factors affecting the immune responses; Self-study
- Analytical thinking
- Discipline and punctuality; Morality and ethics

#### 3. Molecular Immunology

- Components and functions of the innate and adaptive immune system at both cellular and molecular levels
- Development and differentiation of major subpopulations of lymphocyte.
- Antigen presentation through classical and non-classical MHC molecules; Tolerance of immune system.
- Autoimmunity; Mucosal immunity

## 4. Serology and Cellular Immunology Techniques

- Principles, procedures, and interpretation of Immunology laboratory investigation.
- Flow cytometry
- Detection of immunoglobulin level
- Immuno-electrophoresis
- Phagocytic function
- Lymphoproliferation assay
- Agglutination test
- Immunofluorescence.
- Automated immunoassays
- Techniques for diagnosis and research in immunology

#### 5. Stem Cell Science

- Comprehensive view of the stem cell biology
- Biology of both embryonic and adult stem cells
- Characteristics at cellular and molecular levels
- Signaling transduction; Stem cell interactions with their microenvironment; Stem cell role in tissue and organ homeostasis
- Basic techniques in stem cell research
- Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation as a standard treatment for hematological disorders
- Potential uses and limitations of stem cells for the treatment of diseases
- Ethical issues of stem cell for research, animal care and clinical practice

### 6. Advanced Flow Cytometry

- Introduction to flow cytometry technique
- Compensation in flow cytometry and fluorochrome selection
- Flow cytometric data analysis
- Polychromatic flow cytometry for multi-parameter analysis
- Cell sorting for specific cell subset isolation; Advanced flow cytometry technique for Research

#### 7. Molecular Biology Techniques

- Principle of molecular biology techniques
- procedure and laboratory skill on molecular biology techniques
- DNA and RNA extraction and analysis; Polymerase chain reaction
- Gene mutation analysis
- Bacterial DNA vector preparation
- Genetic engineering
- Gene cloning
- Cell culture technique
- Gene mutagenesis
- Recombinant protein production
- Protein separation and analysis
- Protein expression in cell culture
- Cellular analysis

#### 8. Biostatistics

- Scientific methods and biostatistical analysis
- Statistical principles to applying in planning and analyzing data from experiment
- Probability distributions
- Estimation
- hypothesis testing
- Chi-square test and analysis of frequencies
- regression and correlation analysis
- analysis of variance
- analysis of covarianc

#### 9. Generic Skills in Science Research

- Ethics for researchers
- Ethical consideration in the use of ideas
- Human subjects and experimental animals

- Bio and fire safety in the laboratory
- Proper design and use of research protocols
- Methods in search for scientific information
- ◆ Techniques in formulating and writing research projects, i.e., thesis proposals and grant applications, research reports, theses, and manuscripts for publication Intellectual property right
- Copyright versus plagiarism; Proper credit acknowledgement