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1. What program are you taking and at which school? I'm in Medical Laboratory Science at BCIT.
2. When will you graduate? May of next year (2023)
3. What do you enjoy most about school and your program? I really enjoy learning a variety of new things, but I think the best part has been the people in the program, both instructors and classmates. Almost everyone I've interacted with has put a smile on my face for one reason or another!
4. What part of the lab would you like to work in? That's a good question that I don't quite know the answer to yet! There's been aspects of every department that I've really appreciated, but I'm still not sure where I want to end up. I'll be using my clinical time over the next year to guide me. So far I've really enjoyed the variety in Transfusion and Microbiology, but I'm excited to experience the rest of the departments as well!
5. What has surprised you most about your program/profession? I think that having gone into the program with a BSc in biochemistry beforehand, what surprised me was just how much new information there was and how a lot of the things we were learning answered questions I had while going through my BSc. I felt like I was finally getting the connections between the molecular/microscopic theories and how they related macroscopically to health.
6. What advice would you give to current students? These programs aren't easy, but if you find a group or even a few classmates to study with, ask questions, or just chat with it eases the burden a bit. I think the

pandemic has highlighted the negative effects of social isolation, so having a group you can rely on, especially when you're feeling overwhelmed, is something that has really helped me so far.

7. What do you like to do in your spare time? I like to be outside and active! Rock climbing, hiking, camping and volleyball are some of my favorite activities. I also love trying new and delicious foods, so the lower mainland is a perfect place for that.
8. If you could live anywhere, where would that be? As I said previously, I like to be out in the mountains but close to a variety of food types! So as long as I'm staying in Canada, the west coast is where I want to be.
9. What is the funniest thing that has happened to you at school/work? In the hospital when a patient comes in during an emergency situation and their ID is not known, they are assigned an "unknown" name in the computer system consisting of the word "unknown" and another random word. Now the situation itself is not funny in any way, but when there is a stressful scenario in the lab, like a Massive Transfusion Protocol, it can help relieve some stress and let you focus better when some of the names you come across sound like they were made by a random word generator. So, though clinical can be fairly serious, I would say that these "unknown" names can be quite humorous!